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Dear Sir Stephen Timms,

I hope you are well.

I am writing following my question in the Chamber regarding the Temporary Accommodation Subsidy Gap on Monday 29 June.

Councils across the UK are struggling to finance the growing costs of temporary accommodation, and a big contributing factor towards this that the Temporary Accommodation Subsidy Gap has remained frozen since 2011.

Temporary accommodation costs are already one of the biggest expenditures for local councils, and these costs will continue to grow until the freeze of Local Housing Allowance for the Temporary Accommodation subsidy is lifted.

In your response to my question, you mentioned that the government has been in conversation with the MHCLG department regarding the Temporary Accommodation Subsidy Gap, and it is a matter that the government is examining.

Could I please ask for further detail regarding these conversations, and whether there are immediate plans to reduce to further subsidise the Council's expenditure of temporary accommodation?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Olney".

Sarah Olney  
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park