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PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR SURVEY REGARDING PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR TENANTS

The Department has today launched the above call for views/survey which will run until 17 July 2023.

Section 12 of the Private Tenancies Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 gives the Department power to make regulations to ensure a private landlord offers a choice of payment to a tenant.

The Department must consult with the persons laid down in the Act before preparing a report on the consultation and then lay the report before the Assembly and publish it before the 27 October 2023.

This survey seeks views on whether this is an issue for private landlords and tenants and if so, how big an issue it is. The evidence provided will then inform a decision on whether regulations are required. You are invited to take this opportunity to respond to this survey.

A copy of the survey can be accessed at the link below: -

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-private-tenancies-act-payment-options>

A copy of the privacy notice is available on the Department's website:

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/supplementary-privacy-notices-dfc-business-areas>

Yours sincerely,

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