

The Department let a twelve month contract with **Rightmove** to provide monthly reports on the number of homes newly listed with estate agents for sale in England and Wales. The data helps the Department to understand current activity and trends in the housing market

The National Housing and Planning Advice Unit (NHPAU) purchased private sector rent data from **Hometrack** for a project on affordability of housing for younger households. This compared renting in the private sector and buying a similar size of dwelling.

The NHPAU was a non-departmental public body, sponsored by Communities and Local Government, designated to provide independent advice on affordability matters to the Government, Regional Assemblies and other stakeholders with an interest in the housing market. It closed on 30 July 2010.