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Dear Chief Executive

Consultation on introducing fees for social housing regulation

Following a discussion paper in 2014 and the outcome of the Spending Review 2015, we have published a formal consultation containing our proposals on introducing fees for social housing regulation.

As the sector becomes more diverse and complex we need to ensure that we maintain the right level of skills and capacity to regulate effectively. Introducing fees will enable this.

We are proposing that from April 2017, the majority of the regulator's costs are recovered through fees. We anticipate charging:

- an annual fee of £5 per unit for all registered providers with 1,000 or more units of social housing
- an annual fixed fee of £300 for providers with fewer than 1,000 social housing units
- a one-off fixed rate fee of £2,500 for successful <u>new</u> registrations with the regulator.

The consultation will run for six weeks and the closing date for responses is **Monday 9 January 2017**. The <u>consultation document</u> can be downloaded from the Gov.uk website. Where possible, responses should be made via <u>SurveyMonkey</u>.

Please do take the time to contribute your views.

Yours faithfully

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