Written Answer

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To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government what plans he has to balance an increase in supply of new housing with measures to stabilise demand.

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The Government are clear that we need to get the housing market, particularly house building, moving again. To improve the affordability of housing and to stabilise the housing market in the long-term, the balance between supply and demand is critical. This is important for our plans for economic growth, but more importantly, it is crucial to the hopes and plans of young people, families and older households across the country. The Government's Housing Strategy for England “Laying the Foundations” was published on Monday 21 November. This ambitious strategy describes the actions we are taking to unblock the market and to support an increase in the supply and quality of new private and social housing.

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