

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**Question**

Will the Chief Minister provide members with a timescale for the introduction of the digital register of all owners of commercial and residential properties in the Island, as requested by the States in September 2020 with the adoption of P.93/2020, and will he explain why the implementation of this register has not been progressed more promptly, given that the data gathered could assist in the development of policy to address the current challenges around housing?

**Answer**

Further to the answer provided by the Minister Housing and Communities to WQ.376/2021, a business case has been produced and is being reviewed with a Project Manager due to be appointed shortly thereafter.

Once appointed, the Project Manager will be tasked with undertaking a feasibility study which will determine and outline the timeline for introducing the digital register of all owners of commercial and residential properties. Unfortunately, until this has taken place it is not possible to provide a timescale.

With a view to maintain the political pressure on the implementation of this States decision, I have asked my Assistant Chief Minister Deputy Rowland Huelin to take this project forward and I will be asking him to liaise closely with the Deputy as part of this.

I understand and share the Deputy's disappointment that this project has fallen behind the schedule agreed by the States Assembly, but hope that he will appreciate that this has been caused due to capacity issues and the significant existing pipeline of work including the Government's response to COVID.