

**QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY
13th MAY 2003, BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

Question 1

Will the President inform members what increase, if any, in rent rebate will be necessary in 2004 in order to fund the significant number of units of accommodation being completed this year and which will be passed on to housing trusts?

Answer

The Committee intends to propose an increase of about £200,000 in the rent rebate budget for 2004 specifically to allow for the potential increase in applications from new housing trust tenants.

Question 2

Will the President inform members what growth is envisaged in the Committee's maintenance/refurbishment budget for 2004?

Answer

The Committee does not intend to propose an increase in the maintenance/refurbishment revenue budget for 2004.

Question 3

Will the President inform members of the measures that will be taken to achieve the £1.8 million cut in the Housing Committee's 2004 budget, and, in particular, will he outline what steps will be taken to ensure that the measures do not cause hardship to those least able to afford it?

Answer

I am not prepared to disclose this information at this time as the Committee will be giving further consideration to the matter at its next meeting on 23rd May 2003. However, I can confirm that a Report and Proposition giving full details of the proposals will be brought to the States for debate as soon as possible.