

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY  
24th JUNE 2003, BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HERISSIER OF  
ST. SAVIOUR**

**Question**

Would the President inform members what criteria the Committee applies in the consideration of applications under Regulation 1(1)(k) of the Housing Regulations where the applicant has criminal convictions, and, could he identify which categories of offence would lead to a refusal?

**Answer**

The Committee decided in April 2003 that it will in future require all applicants under Regulation 1(1) k to disclose any criminal convictions or alternatively satisfy the Committee with documentary evidence that they have no such convictions. Historically background references have been obtained but this approach is no longer considered to be sufficiently rigorous.

In applying this policy the Committee would generally reject all (k) applicants with criminal convictions unless it could be demonstrated that the offence was relatively minor, that it occurred many years ago and since that time the applicant had been of good character. In assessing whether an offence was 'relatively minor' the Committee would expect to be guided by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Law.