

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th MARCH 2007

Question

Would the Minister inform members whether there are any circumstances in which those States Tenants whose homes are designated for sale under the Social Housing Property Plan will be evicted?

Answer

The Social Housing Property Plan specifies some 800 homes for sale to tenants over a ten year period. Some tenants will want to purchase as soon as possible and others at some point over that ten year period. Understandably, some will not be able to purchase and others simply do not wish to do so. If a tenant does not wish to purchase their home they will not be under any compulsion to do so. It is a matter for them.

With regard to eviction, I have said on several occasions that none of the 800 will be evicted on the basis that they do not wish to purchase their home. Most sales will be to sitting tenants, with the remainder generated from natural movement within the stock. Over the last ten years, some 4,500 homes have been allocated on this basis.

When the future is so bright for States Tenants and when a number of those tenants could soon have a unique opportunity to purchase their home, what a real pity that I continue to have to answer questions immersed in negativity.