

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

ANSWER TO BE TABLE ON TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2007

Question

Following his repeated verbal assurances that no tenant will be required to leave their home under the proposed sale of 800 States rental units, will the Minister undertake to write to all tenants confirming his absolute assurance?

Answer

The Department produces a magazine for Tenants entitled, 'Community News'. I will be writing an article for the next publication which is due out shortly. I will of course confirm that no tenant has anything to fear from the Social Housing Property Plan. The Plan proposes selling 800 homes over a ten year period. If a tenant is unable or does not wish to purchase one of these homes, they will not be required to vacate the same as a result. I will also point out the enormous benefits this Property Plan will bring to our tenants' lives; giving many an opportunity to purchase a home through a shared equity scheme, bringing all properties up to an acceptable standard, regenerating parts of St Helier and providing more suitable homes for an ageing population. State Tenants have much to look forward to.