

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2008**

**Question**

1. In a written answer on 12th February 2008 the Minister for Planning and Environment stated that *“The Minister for Housing will operate the gateway. The gateway will assess applicants and will categorise applicants as being eligible or not for Jersey Homebuy. Financial limits have not yet been set and the results of this consultation and the recent Housing Needs Survey are awaited in order that these maximum income levels can be established.”* Will the Minister inform members what role the Housing Needs Survey will play in setting the boundaries for the “gateway”?

**Answer**

The Housing Needs Survey will be the most up to date evidence of the need, aspiration and financial ability to purchase for a significant part of the population of Jersey and will clearly have an important role in the setting of the boundaries for the “gateway”.

**Question**

2. Is the Minister yet able to set out for members the proposed income boundaries between those who will fall into the categories being proposed through the “gateway” of those –
- i) unable to buy at all, and eligible for social rental housing;
  - ii) who do not qualify for the above, but are unable to buy on the open first time buyer market and qualify for “Jersey Homebuy”; and
  - iii) who are able to enter the first time buyer market unaided;

for the following categories –

- Single persons;
- Married couples;
- Married couples with children;

and, if not, when does he anticipate that precise figures will be agreed?

**Answer**

No. It seems prudent to await the response to this consultative document and certainly the results of the Housing Needs Survey before the details of these income boundaries are established. The results of the Housing Needs Survey are due out in March. There will undoubtedly be a need for further analysis for the purpose of establishing the “gateway” but I expect to be in a position to release confirmation of the proposed income boundaries as soon as possible thereafter.