

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**

Question

“Would the Minister provide the Assembly with details of the instances where issues have arisen between the Housing Department and housing trusts, as mentioned in his response to my oral question of 23rd of February 2010, in relation the elimination of price wars over land acquisition with housing trusts?”

Answer

In my response to the Deputy’s question on 23rd February 2010 I informed the Assembly that I had written to all Housing Trusts and Connétables stating that I would not support the acquisition of any social rented home where the price being paid exceeded the maximum price which the current debt redemption model demonstrates is sustainable.

There have been no price wars. However, I was concerned that developers holding sites zoned under P.75/2008 were negotiating with a number of social housing providers and that this created the potential for price inflation. It was important to act to prevent this from happening. I have done so. Feedback that I have had from at least one Trust Chairman suggests that my comments were welcomed and supported.