

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2013**

Question

“Will the Minister state what population/migration levels the proposals in the Housing Transformation Programme (HTP) are designed to cater for and what sensitivity analysis has been performed with regard to increased demand for social rented accommodation from immigrant workers and their families in the next 10, 20 and 30 years?

What consideration, if any, has been given in both the proposition (P.33/2013) and the full Business Case (R.15/2013) to the most recent Housing Needs Survey which shows growing demand for social rented accommodation of some 400+ units, and further demand from the immigration bulge since 2004 as these households gain licensed status after 10 years residence?

Does the Minister consider that net gain of 434 housing company properties, along with 203 new trust properties and the 300 sales will meet future social housing needs and if not how will the HTP meet demand?

Has the Minister sought advice from the Statistics Unit over the HTP and full Business Case over his projections over up to 30 years and if not why not?”

Answer

The proposals within the Housing Transformation Programme allow for the development of all sites currently in States ownership and designated for social housing. The new Housing Company can and will deliver additional social housing for viable schemes if further sites are identified and borrowing is made available.

I fully recognise that further units of social housing are required in order to meet the needs of our community in the longer term and I am working to ensure that these are brought forward. I am confident that the funding structures will be in place for new Housing Company and also the Housing Trusts to allow for the development of this additional social housing if the sites are brought forward in a timely manner.

I am continuing to monitor a number of sources including the Affordable Housing Gateway and Housing Needs Survey to ensure that the needs of our community are met.