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5.14 Deputy J.A. Martin of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the listing of all Andium properties and rents payable on their website:

Can the Minister advise why Andium Homes do not list all properties and rents payable on their website for complete transparency?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean (The Minister for Treasury and Resources):

I am going to ask my Assistant Minister, the Constable of St. Peter, who has responsibility for this area, to answer the question.

Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter (Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources - rapporteur):

I would like to thank Deputy Martin for bringing this to our attention. As a result of that, I did check the website for Andium Homes and she is absolutely correct, there is no information there on the rental policy at all. Since then I have met with the management of Andium and discussed what they are proposing to do. They have advised me that they are refreshing their website, and by the end of this month, less than 2 weeks away, there will be a full list of all the properties they hold - 4,600 units is the total amount of properties that Andium hold - and there will be the rental profile for those properties online.

Deputy J.A. Martin:

It goes to prove there is always a good reason to ask a question in the House and I thank the Assistant Minister for his very good reply. Thank you.

5.14.1 Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. John:

Could the Assistant Minister advise whether they will also be publishing the Decent Homes Standards that they are going to be complying with?

The Connétable of St. Peter:

The Decent Homes Standard is a publication produced by Health and Social Services, the Public Health Department, and they shall and will be working to deliver Decent Homes Standards under that policy. I am not sure that putting it on their website is necessarily the right place for it to be. It is certainly within the public health website.

5.14.2 Deputy M. Tadier:

On a related issue, would the Assistant Minister take a chance to speak to Social Security, because on their website they do give the rental components for the private sector broken down by bedrooms, but when it comes to social housing rented properties, it says: "Paid according to the reasonable rent charge" and it would seem to me that needs some clarification as to why in fact the fair rent charged component given by Social Security - even though we suspect it does not cover the full cost of rental - is not the equivalent of the social housing charges currently?

The Connétable of St. Peter:

I thank Deputy Tadier for bringing that to my attention as well and it is certainly something I can discuss with the Minister for Social Security, who is nodding quite well over there, so I hope that is something we can bring to a conclusion soon as well. Thank you very much.