

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 12th APRIL 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th APRIL 2021**

Question

Will the Chief Minister update the Assembly on what progress, if any, has been made on the implementation of ‘Establishment of a digital register of all commercial and residential properties’ (P.93/2020) that was adopted in September last year?

Answer

Further to the update given to the Assembly in February of this year regrettably progress on this project has not moved forward in the way that had previously been anticipated. Work has not commenced on the development of the register due to competing priorities in IHE, including the response to Covid19, new office, Fort Regent, Inspiring Active Places and the Our Hospital Project.

I can confirm that the political lead will be the Minister for Housing and Communities. The Minister has asked that this is prioritised, as a clear decision of the Assembly, and instructed that an update be provided to the Assembly as soon as possible.

A Housing Political Oversight Group (“POG”) is in the process of being formed with the full membership shortly to be finalised. This group will oversee the agreed recommendations from the Housing Policy Development Board as well as actions arising from the Assembly such as those of P.93.

It has been clear that further resources are required to assist in delivery and implementation of policy and overall strategic co-ordination of Housing matters, and recruitment to assist in these areas is also due to be restarted in the near future.

The Assembly will be updated as to the progress of the Housing POG in due course.