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3 Deputy R.J. Ward of the Minister for Housing and Communities regarding change of tenancy in a private rental (OQ.6/2023):

What current requirements, if any, are there for tenants and landlords to notify the Government of a change of tenancy in private rental accommodation, what forms is it necessary to complete to fulfil any such requirement and where can any such forms be found?

Deputy D.J. Warr (The Minister for Housing and Communities):

I thank the Deputy for his question. I am not sure if you are aware but this is a matter that sits with the Chief Minister's Department but I do know that the Control of Housing and Work Law requires a person to notify the Chief Minister if they move to an address in Jersey and expect to be ordinarily resident at that address for a continuous period of 3 months or more. A person can notify the Minister of a change of address in several ways: online using Yoti, contacting Customer and Local Services, the service hub by phone, email or by drop-in appointment or by arranging an appointment. Paper forms are also available from Customer and Local Services by request and are also held by the letting agencies.

4.3.1 Deputy R.J. Ward:

Quite a difficult one because I have to get my head round that. So there is no connection with the Housing Department and the forms when people move; does the Minister accept that this is an opportunity missed in terms of tracking where we are and providing the sort of data that has been said before we do not have to make longer decisions over our housing?

Deputy D. Warr:

I am just assured here by the Chief Minister that there is a new system coming in. I am not familiar of it at the moment so maybe we can give you some more information in answer to your question over the coming weeks.

The Bailiff:

"Perhaps I could give the Deputy more information in response to his question through the coming weeks." I have circularised a note through the Greffe saying that we will be a little bit more assiduous in these kind of approaches going forward.

Deputy R.J. Ward:

Do I get a final supplementary?

The Bailiff:

Normally not if no one else has asked a question.