

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 27th MARCH 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023**

Question

Given her response to [WQ.83/2023](#) in which she states that a range of measures has been delivered to cope with the cost of living crisis and that “she remains ready to take further action if it becomes necessary”, what action, if any, will she take to alleviate any hardship resulting from the decision of the Jersey Homes Trust to increase rents by 9% at short notice?

Answer

Following the announcement from the Jersey Homes Trust to increase their rents from the beginning of April, the Minister for Housing and Communities took immediate action to address the situation. Following the Minister’s intervention, the Trust announced a delay of one month and the Trust has now confirmed that the rent rise will not take place until 1 July. As such tenants now have a full three months’ notice of the rent rises.

Any tenant who has concerns in respect of their rent, and may require support, can seek advice from Customer and Local Services. Teams within the Department are already taking steps to contact tenants who may be affected by the forthcoming rises.