WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY R.S. KOVACS OF ST. SAVIOUR QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 29th APRIL 2024

Question

"Further to Written Question 33/2022, will the Chief Minister explain what progress, if any, has been made on establishing a public digital register of all commercial and residential properties in Jersey, and the estimated date for delivering the register?"

Answer

An independent <u>report</u> was published in May 2023 by the previous Government, which concluded that the creation of the register would encounter significant practical difficulties, especially in relation to changes in ownership of company and trust owned properties, and be of limited value to the public.

In addition, the cost of a register was estimated to be £500,000, excluding on-going maintenance to keep the register up to date. In view of the current pressures on public finance, the Council of Ministers has not identified this project as a key priority in the current, shortened term of office.

I will be discussing with the Housing Minister how to progress, given the register was a States decision.