

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING  
BY DEPUTY D.J. WARR OF ST. HELIER SOUTH  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 1st JULY 2024  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th JULY 2024**

**Question**

“In respect of ‘Affordable and Right-Size Housing Provision on the Waterfront’ ([P.37/2024](#)), which was adopted as amended, will the Minister explain what evidence was used to ascertain the need for first-time buyer homes and that consequently led him to support the proposition?”

**Answer**

I have long held a position that Jersey is experiencing a housing crisis and that a greater proportion of the homes built on the Waterfront should be designated for first-time buyers to help alleviate this crisis. Therefore, no extra evidence was necessary to persuade me that supporting P.37/2024 was the right thing to do

The proposition was in line with my manifesto commitments, which I believe are important to uphold. It is also important to recognise that the Waterfront development is a long-term programme, and the Assembly will be able to make a revised decision in the future should we find ourselves in the position of demand for first-time buyer homes being satisfied. If we do find ourselves in such a position, I would see this as a measure of success, not failure.