

STATES OF JERSEY



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REPORT

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1. The Waiting List as at 1st January 2003 comprised 246 families/individuals. This compares with a figure of 288 as at 1st January 2002 and 323 as at 1st January 2000.
2. Of these 246, 85 are considered to be in urgent need of re-housing for various reasons, including ill-health, sub-standard accommodation and overcrowding. This figure of 85 is less than the figure as at 1st January 2002 which was 109, and 101 as at 1st January 2000.
3. In addition, the Committee has 14 families in temporary hostel accommodation waiting rehousing.
4. During 2002, 396 families/individuals were accepted onto the Waiting List. This figure compares with 320 in 2001 and 335 in 2000.
5. The Waiting List has decreased by 42 families/individuals since the beginning of 2002, though significantly more families were accepted on the waiting list in 2002 than in previous years. If the Waiting List and Tenant Transfer List, (506 families/individuals), are combined, the greatest demand is for 3 and 4-bedroom family homes. This is in line with forecasts made in the Housing Strategy and, subject to completion of a number of projects in 2003, the Waiting List is expected to reduce further by year end.

Development Programme

The Housing Committee, with the support of local housing trusts is committed to providing affordable accommodation for those persons in the greatest housing need.

The Committee has recently completed the final phase of the demolition and rebuild of the old Elysée Estate, Trinity Hill. The end of 2002 saw the completion of the refurbishment of Le Geyt Flats. These two projects, together with the earlier renovations of the old Nicholson Park estate mark a major improvement in the quality of social rented housing in the Island.

The Committee has similar plans for the renovation of Le Squez and Le Marais (low rise) estates, the plans for which will be brought to the States later in the year. The Committee has bid for funding, for the major upgrade of estates such as Ann Court, The Cedars, La Collette, Clos du Roncier, Journeaux Court, and Convent and Caesarea Courts. These proposals will not only improve the quality of accommodation for new and existing tenants, but they will have a positive impact upon the local community.

In addition, the Committee has commitments to renovate tired housing estates such as those at Bas du Mont (Pier Road), Le Coin (Ann Street) and La Carrière (Grands Vaux).

The Committee is well advanced with plans for the redevelopment of the Le Coie Hotel, the Sunshine Hotel, the Aquila Youth Club, Salisbury Crescent (off La Rue le Masurier), Philips House (Victoria Street) and Mascot Motors sites, which will produce an extra 215 units of social rented accommodation over the next few years.

In the course of this year, the Jersey Homes Trust alone will allocate a further 150 units of accommodation from the Victoria Place (Albert Pier development), Cannon Street/Lemprière Street, 3 – 7A Ann Street and Parkside (formerly the Town Park Hotel) housing projects.

Last year, the housing trusts between them allocated some 199 newly built units of accommodation.

The Committee is engaged with the Environment and Public Services Committee in a programme, which will see those sites rezoned in the Island Plan in 2002, being redeveloped to provide a fair mix of social rental and first-time buyer homes.