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Deputy Beatriz Porée
Chair
Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Panel

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Dear Deputy Porée,

Requests for information – Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Panel

Following your letter dated 30 March 2023, please find below my responses to your questions.

What proportion of registered lodging houses are owned and operated by a Jersey employer for the purposes of providing accommodation to work permit holders?

Residential units within a lodging house registered under the Lodging Houses Law can be occupied by any persons with Registered or Entitled for Work status under the Control of Housing and Work Law, irrespective of their immigration status. We do not store information on what proportion of registered lodging houses are owned and operated by a Jersey employer.

If an employer purchases a residential property with the intention of renting it out to one or more work permit holders, is the employer required to register the property as a lodging house? If yes, what checks, and monitoring is in place to ensure that properties acquired by Jersey employers for this purpose are registered under the Law and listed on the 'Maximum Rental Charges in Registered Lodging Houses' list?

If the property was to accommodate more than five people for reward, it would need to be registered under the Lodging Houses Law, if appropriate, subject to it meeting the required minimum standards. Owners are aware of this requirement, and the department works collaboratively with colleagues from Planning, Environmental Health and the Fire Service to ensure that properties acquired for this purpose are registered.

What information is provided to work permit holders living in registered lodging houses about the minimum standards they can expect for registered lodging accommodation?

Details on minimum standards for rented accommodation can be found on the gov.je website - <https://www.gov.je/Home/RentingBuying/HousingLaws/Pages/HousingStandards.aspx>

How frequently do inspections of registered lodging houses take place?

Officers from the Housing and Nuisance team of Environmental and Consumer Protection have been delegated authority for undertaking inspections of lodging houses.

Lodging Houses are risk rated following inspections and placed on a 1-, 2- or 3-year inspection cycle depending on the level and type of issues found. Inspections are carried out to primarily check compliance of units of accommodation and communal areas with the Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018 and subordinate legislation.

What if any mechanism is in place for work permit holders living in registered lodging houses to report concerns about their accommodation?

Any residents living in rented accommodation in Jersey can report concerns to the Housing and Nuisance team who can provide advice and visit properties to carry out an inspection where appropriate. The team can be contacted by email (environmentalhealth@gov.je) or by phone (01534 445808).

Are you aware of what proportion of complaints made about registered lodging accommodation are made by work permit holders? What is the nature of the complaints?

Unfortunately, we do not store complaints in a manner (or level of detail) which would enable this question to be answered.

Yours sincerely,



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