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Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities

**BY EMAIL**

30th March 2023

Dear Minister,

### **Requests for information - Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Panel**

Following the launch of the Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Panel on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the Panel would like to request information about lodging accommodation provided to work permit holders in Jersey.

I should therefore be grateful if you could provide responses to the following questions:

#### **Registration of Lodging Houses**

The Panel understands that all lodging houses must be registered under the Lodging Houses (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1962 (Law).

1. What proportion of registered lodging houses are owned and operated by a Jersey employer for the purposes of providing accommodation to work permit holders?
2. 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?
  - a. 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?

#### **Accommodation Standards and Complaints**

The Panel is aware that the Law specifies minimum standards expected of registered lodging accommodation in Jersey.

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

2. How frequently do inspections of registered lodging houses take place?
3. What if any mechanism is in place for work permit holders living in registered lodging houses to report concerns about their accommodation?
4. Are you aware of what proportion of complaints made about registered lodging accommodation are made by work permit holders?
  - a. What is the nature of the complaints?

The Panel would be grateful of a response by 5pm on Thursday 6th April 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beatriz Porée', with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke above the name.

Deputy Beatriz Porée  
Chair  
Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Panel