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Deputy Hilary Jeune
Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel
BY EMAIL

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Dear Chair,

Proposed Government Plan 2024- 2027 (p.72/2023): Fifth Amendment – A Scheme For Right-Sizing

Thank you for your letter requesting an update of my intentions and timeframe in respect of the above amendment. I am committed to bringing forward policy measures to support the efficient use of existing stock, particularly measures to encourage 'right-sizing' amongst households.

The programme of work in response to the amendment is divided into three areas. This reflects the importance of considering policy options for right-sizing in the context of the specific challenges and needs across different forms of tenure. I am proposing, therefore, that this work covers the following aspects of right-sizing:

- Right-sizing in the open market;
- Right-sizing for assisted purchase on rezoned land (Policy H5 of the Bridging Island Plan); and
- Right-sizing in social housing.

The findings of the first two pieces of work, including potential schemes to support right-sizing, will be reported to the States Assembly by 31 May 2024. The policy on right-sizing in social housing is connected to a broader review of the social housing rents policy, and the disincentives that it might create for households to right-size, amongst other matters. The findings and policy options will be presented to the Assembly in due course.

I would be happy to provide the Panel with a briefing on these matters ahead of publication.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Sam Mézec'.

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