

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2008

Question

In light of the figures given in his written answer on 12th February 2008 which showed an average monthly demand over the past year for 106 three bedroom social rental homes, would the Minister state whether or not he has assured the Minister for Planning and Environment, as stated by that Minister, that there is no demand for such accommodation?

Answer

The current demand for three bedroom homes can be met from within existing resources and from completions planned for 2008, namely Field 40, St Clement (10 x three bed homes) and Field 690a, St Martin (19 x three bed homes). The current need is at a historically low level. Now is the time to turn our attention to giving States Tenants the opportunity to purchase their home.

The greatest demand overall continues to be for one bedroom accommodation. The provision of such homes will enable 3 bedroom properties to be "recycled".

I work closely with the Minister for Planning and Environment. The demand for homes will be monitored through a number of means, including of course the 'Housing Needs Survey'. 'Planning For Homes' produced in collaboration with colleagues at Planning will continue to inform on the current and future provision of homes.