

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2015**

Question

“What talks, if any, has the Minister and/or the Strategic Housing Unit had with Ministerial colleagues, Property Holdings, or any other relevant parties for the potential acquisition of the current St Saviour’s Hospital buildings by Andium Homes? If none, can the Minister give an assurance that serious consideration will be given to maintaining the current site either in direct States ownership, or in the ownership of Andium Homes, for the exclusive purpose of building social housing, and she will resist any attempt to sell the site to a private developer?”

Answer

The Strategic Housing Unit works closely with Property Holdings and all other relevant stakeholders to ensure that there is an adequate supply of sites to provide affordable housing.

The Assembly recently approved the Island Plan to bring forward over 1,000 new affordable homes to meet the identified needs over the next 5 years. My role, working with other ministerial colleagues, is to ensure that these new affordable homes are delivered to ensure that the Island’s housing needs are met.

A review of the delivery of these affordable homes is under constant review and housing supply monitoring figures will be published in due course. If the review suggests that there may be a potential shortfall in the delivery of the targets, then this will need to be addressed. In these circumstances all States owned land, including any land which may be available at the time at St Saviour’s Hospital, will be reviewed to address any possible shortfall.

Detailed discussions about the availability of any additional sites have not yet taken place, but the best sites for affordable housing are close to community facilities such as shops, bus routes and schools. This requirement will form part of any consideration of alternative sites for affordable housing should they be required.