WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING BY DEPUTY P.F.C. OZOUF OF ST. SAVIOUR QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 16th JUNE 2025

Question

"Will the Minister publish a breakdown of all completed residential properties in Jersey for each calendar year from 2020 to date, with the data disaggregated as follows -

- (a) by unit type (one-bedroom flat, two-bedroom flat, three-bedroom flat, two-bedroom house, three-bedroom house, four-bedroom house or larger);
- (b) whether properties are for sale, or were sold, for owner-occupiers, first-time buyers or other categories (potentially non-qualified licensed accommodation); and
- (c) whether properties are, or are to be, rented, split by social housing providers, private landlords and licensed accommodation?"

Answer

Only the Minister for the Environment collects data for completed residential properties, which is available through the operation of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002. I do not currently hold this data, although I am keen to work with the Minister for the Environment to ensure a public update for housing completions is made, as soon as he is in a position to provide one. I expect this information would go some way to answer point (a) of the question.

As I do not hold the source data for completions, I cannot therefore hold any further specific information about such properties as described by (b) and (c). Whilst some elements of this information are naturally held by Government, we do not monitor the market to the extent described.

Much of the source of this information would need to be derived from other ministerial portfolios, such as the Minister for the Environment in the case of rented dwellings licences and the Chief Minister in relation to conditions that may be attached to a person or property under the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012.

I am therefore not in a position to commit to reporting data that belongs to other Ministers. Whilst I appreciate why the Deputy may be seeking the totally of this information, it is not collected or held in this way and it would require significant work to match and report the data in the manner requested.

Statistics Jersey monitor and report on overall housing market activity in Jersey, and I understand have aspirations to develop the level of their reporting of the rental market in light of data obtained through the rented dwellings licensing regime and, I hope, in light of my proposed changes to the Residential Tenancy Law which will provide an essential component of rental market data that we do not presently have.