ORAL QUESTION FOR TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2025

Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing –

"Further to the response to Written Question 94/2025, will the Minister provide details of the specific projects his Department has initiated since the adoption of the Common Strategic Policy 2024 to 2026 and what specific projects, if any, are scheduled for 2025?"

In accordance with Standing Order 63(9) the following written answer has been provided to this Oral Question.

63(9). If any Oral question has not been asked before the end of the 2 hours and 20 minutes allowed, the Member of the States who was due to answer it must provide a written response to the Greffier for distribution as soon as practicable.

Answer

Deputy Gardiner's question refers to the CSP priority of "enabling the design of homes for our ageing population to allow them to remain living independently".

Although the 'design' of homes is a matter for the Minister for the Environment, I can confirm that my <u>right-sizing policy</u>, introduced in May last year, aims to support Islanders who wish to move to a home that better meets their housing needs.

Additionally, there are applications in progress for the Bridging Island Plan rezoned housing sites in country parishes, where homes will be built for people who wish to downsize. I have been in discussion with developers about how we can provide an appropriate mix of right-sizing homes on these sites.

It is also important that we support the elderly population who are living in social rented housing, which is why I am working with providers to implement fair and sustainable right-sizing policies.