

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2013**

Question

Will the Minister outline for members his department's policy on redecoration charges on re-lets and state how this compares with those of the other social housing providers?

Answer

It is the Housing Departments policy to ensure that properties being vacated by the tenant are returned in reasonably clean condition, in a reasonable state of decoration and repair and free from damage. This is clearly set out in the tenants obligations of their respective tenancy agreements. The only exception is in respect of the current occupants of the Cottage Homes.

The Housing Trusts operate under their own guidelines in respect of relets and recharges which they may feel are appropriate in order to return a home to a lettable condition. However, it is fair to say that all the providers have relet policies which closely align with the Department's and reflect the range of UK best practice.