WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING BY DEPUTY S. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JUNE 2007

Question

If the Social Housing Property Plan is approved by the States, how soon after the debate will the Minister be able to give the residents of Convent and Caesarea (high rises) Courts a date for demolition?

Answer

The Social Housing Property Plan 2007 – 2016, has yet to be debated and therefore the States Assembly has not, as yet, supported the proposed demolitions. Officers from the Department are visiting all of the tenants of these buildings before the end of August this year to discuss matters in greater detail. The important factor is not the date for demolition but that all residents of Convent Court and Caesarea Court are relocated to new homes which are acceptable to them and are suitable for their needs. Whether either building is demolished or refurbished, residents would need to move because of the scale of the works. Housing Department staff will work closely with all residents of these estates and will deal with the allocation of new homes in a sensitive and compassionate manner.