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Chair, Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

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BY EMAIL

Dear David,

REGULATION OF JERSEY ESTATE AGENTS

Thank you for your letter, dated 24 February 2021, and I apologise for the delay in responding.

I am not aware of any work having been undertaken in relation to the regulation of estate agents, including the development of a code of conduct but have asked for your enquiry to be looked into. For myself, I think a good quality code is important, albeit I do not have a firm view on it requiring a regulatory footing. Indeed, I would be interested in the role and potential of general consumer protection legislation to provide assurance in this area, rather than a bespoke piece of legislation around estate agents. At the same time, I am told the United Kingdom does have dedicated legislation in this area, so I am open to where the evidence takes us and whether such protection/legislation should apply to agencies similar to estate agents. As such, I have asked the Minister for Children and Housing to look at this – while accepting that he may understandably have other priorities.

I am sure the Minister will keep you informed of any developments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Le Fondré".

Senator John Le Fondré

Chief Minister