

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY DEPUTY J.A.N. LE FONDRÉ OF ST. LAWRENCE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2012**

Question

Further to his written answer on 20th June 2011 (Question 6381) in which he declined to answer the following 3 questions, would the Minister now agree to provide the following information –

- (a) the total built area of residential properties in the Housing Department's portfolio and what that represents as a proportion of the total area of property owned by the States;
- (b) the total land area of property in the Housing Department's portfolio;
- (c) the current density of housing estates administered by the Housing Department in terms of both habitable rooms per acre and dwellings per hectare?

Answer

I recall the earlier question. In my response on that occasion I did not give an undertaking to provide the information at a later date. I believe that I was most clear when I said "The information requested by the Deputy is not readily available and I do not intend to commission a very significant and costly exercise to compile it without very good reason."

Subsequent to that Deputy Le Fondré has not contacted me with a good reason and I have therefore not commissioned the work. I do not intend to do so at this time unless good reason is provided. If good reason can be provided then I believe that it would be not be appropriate to consider the Housing Department's portfolio in isolation but any review should include all of the Social Housing held by our Housing Trusts and the Key Worker Accommodation held by other States Departments.