

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2020**

Question

In relation to the Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018, will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many inspections have been carried out since the Law came into force; and
- (b) how many rented dwellings have failed to meet the minimum standards as set out in the Law?

Answer

The Minister would firstly like to advise that the data stored by the regulatory team in IHE is not in a format that is directly analogous to the question asked by the Deputy. Officers in IHE have, with the time available, answered the question using the data in its current form which has required some interpretation.

- a. There have been complaints relating to approximately 316 properties with specific reference to minimum standards. Other properties have been inspected under other legislation where failure to meet minimum standards was observed. In total over 550 properties have been inspected, representing over 3000 dwellings.
- b. Over 2900 of these dwellings failed to meet the minimum standards as set out in the Law to a greater or lesser extent.

The Minister considers that the unacceptably high numbers of non-compliance with the minimum standards demonstrate that the law, since the appointed day act was adopted in September 2018 by the Assembly, is of paramount importance.

These numbers mainly reflect inspections initiated by a complaint, so the Minister is actively considering ways we can become more effective in achieving compliance after the Assembly rejected his proposals to licence rented dwellings under P.106/2019.