

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 18TH JULY 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 25TH JULY 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister state whether he has read the Reform Jersey ‘Housing Crisis Action Plan’, which was included as the final appendix to the States Assembly Order Paper for the meeting on 5th July 2022; and, if so, will he –

- (a) provide a breakdown of his assessment of each of the proposals listed on page 2 of that document (page 42 of the Order Paper);
- (b) state whether he will implement them or not; and
- (c) if he does intend to implement any of them, advise by when such implementation will occur?”

Answer

I can confirm that I have read the Reform Jersey ‘Housing Crisis Action Plan’.

During my first few weeks in office, my priority is to understand the range and complexity of the housing challenges we face, whilst supporting the good work on housing that is already underway. I am reading many reports on housing issues and meeting a wide range of people who have an interest in housing – charities, developers, social housing providers, private landlords and many others. I am also discussing issues with my ministerial colleagues as we must consider the impact of housing initiatives on the environment, on the provision of other public amenities and as an important part of the overall economy.

This will be a rapid review and, when it is completed, I will be setting out my own vision for the work that I will lead to improve the housing situation for Islanders.

It would be inappropriate for me to comment on the proposals, or the implementation of the proposals contained in the Reform Jersey plan at this early stage, while I am still gathering evidence and understanding the many complex connections between different policy areas.