

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE THE HOUSING COMMITTEE ON  
TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY 2003 BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

**Question**

- (a) Will the President of Housing inform members what level of rent increase for States tenants is under consideration by the Committee for implementation in April 2003?
- (b) Last year the rent abatement application form contained a new section where tenants were asked to declare all benefits received. Tenants were assured at the time that these benefits were to be disregarded (not taken into account when calculating the level of abatement). Would the President assure members that such benefits will continue to be disregarded in 2003?

**Answer**

The Committee has decided to increase rents for States tenants' dwellings by, on average, 3.5 per cent with effect from April 2003.

I can confirm that those benefits, namely Family Allowance, Invalidity Benefit and Disability Benefit, which were disregarded as income for rent abatement in 2002 will continue to be disregarded in 2003.

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