

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2022**

Question

Will the Minister advise how many inspections, if any, of “let” rooms (of the type that would be in the Rent-A-Room Scheme proposed as an amendment to this year’s Government Plan) that fall under the Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings – Minimum Standards and Prescribed Hazards) (Jersey) Order 2018 have been undertaken since the legislation came into force?

Answer

The department does not inspect “to let rooms” in a homeowner’s property as it is outside the scope of the Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018.

Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018, Section 2, Article 4 states: “Where a person who is both the owner and occupier of a dwelling permits the dwelling also to be occupied, for reward, by up to 2 other persons, that dwelling is not a rented dwelling for the purposes of this Law”.

Therefore, 3 or more individuals occupying rooms within a homeowner’s property where the homeowner is also resident will be in scope under the legislation. However, Environmental and Consumer Protection does not have the data indicating where these properties are in order to conduct inspections.