

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIROMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister advise what measures, if any, will be introduced to assist the Environmental Health Department to enforce minimum health and safety standards in the private rental market?”

Answer

As Minister with responsibility for the Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018, I am looking at how the rental sector is regulated.

Minimum standards for rental properties have been prescribed in law and do just that; they set the minimum acceptable level to avoid harm to the tenant. It is clear from evidence available to the Environmental Health Department that there is a significant problem with rental properties that are substandard. This particularly affects some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Therefore, I am currently considering as a matter of priority the best options to ensure compliance with minimum health and safety standards. I will provide a further update in the very near future.