WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING BY DEPUTY K.M. WILSON OF ST. CLEMENT QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2025

Question

"Will the Minister advise what evidence sources he utilises to inform housing policy, in addition to those provided by Statistics Jersey?"

Answer

Statistics Jersey provide a foundation of statistical evidence that informs housing policy, from understanding current housing market activity, housing affordability, future housing needs and also the feelings of Islanders about their housing through the Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey.

In addition to these, I draw from other quantitative and qualitative sources, including those provided by Government:

- The Affordable Housing Gateway
- The Assisted Purchase Pathway
- The Homelessness in Jersey Report
- Annual Stamp Duty Income Forecasts (Income Forecasting Group)
- First Step Assisted Home Ownership Scheme and other schemes including Andium Homebuy
- Policy exceptions monitoring (access to social housing and first-time buyer discretions)
- Island Plan housing supply and demand, including planning applications

I ensure that housing policy-making has regard to wider policy and regulatory activity taking place within Government, and I also have regard to what I would see as more of an anecdotal evidence-base, which I draw from engagement with constituents, housing providers, developers, the property sales industry, representative groups and business leaders, which helps to ensure public and business sentiment about housing is understood.