

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2005

Question

Is the President aware of allegations that show flats built by certain developers have specially made furniture to create an impression of more space than there actually is and, if so, will the Committee agree to undertake an urgent review of minimum sizes for such accommodation?

Answer

The Environment and Public Services Committee is aware of these allegations. However, the States may be assured that this has no bearing on the actual size of the flats which are permitted by the Committee. All new built residential units are carefully checked by the Planning Department to ensure that they comply with the minimum standards set out in Planning Policy Note No. 6 – ‘A Minimum Specification for New Housing Developments’. A review of this document is already underway and it is anticipated that the minimum standards will rise as a result of this review.