## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES BY DEPUTY R.S. KOVACS OF ST. SAVIOUR QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

## Question

"Will the Minister provide the following details in relation to residential properties for purchase in Jersey –

- (a) how many properties, and of what type (for example house or flat, 1-bed/2-bed), are currently available; to include separate figures for both the private and the social housing sector, if known, and the number that are for affordable housing;
- (b) how many properties, and of what type (for example house or flat, 1-bed/2-bed), are either planned, or in the process of being built, including separate figures for both the private and the social housing sector, if known, and the number that are for affordable housing and by what date they will be built; and
- (c) how many people are currently on the waiting list for the 'First-time buyer' scheme with Andium Homes, for what type of properties and the timeframe for each?"

## Answer

(a) It is not possible to identify the total number of homes across the Island that are currently available to purchase. Although Andium's Homebuy scheme has a number of affordable homes to purchase, the status of available homes changes on a daily basis because a sale will take some eight weeks from viewing to passing contract in court. However, as of Friday 11 November, Andium Homes had 18 properties available for affordable purchase:

Homes available to purchase through the Andium Homebuy scheme	One Bed	Two Bed	Three Bed	Four Bed
In Void Refurbishment/Marketing Period	0	2	4	0
Under Offer	2	2	7	1
Total	2	4	11	1

(b) It is not possible to identify the number and type of all homes currently planned or in the process of being built. Andium Homes is currently delivering the following:

C	Cyril Le	Mayfair				
Ν	/Iarquand			Edinburgh		
C	Court		Le Marais	House (La	The	The Limes
(4	Ann		(refurbished)	Collette)	Limes	(refurbished)

	Court)					
Studio	0	0	14	0	0	0
1 bed						
flat	105	147	14	73	39	14
2 bed						
flat	27	50	28	65	80	3
3 bed						
flat	0	4	0	9	6	
Total	132	201	56	147	125	17
PC	Jul-23	Aug-25	Mar-23	Jul-23	Jul-24	Jul-24

	New-build total (excluding refurbished)	Refurbished total	In-development total
Studio	0	14	14
1 bed flat	364	28	392
2 bed flat	222	31	253
3 bed flat	19	0	19
Total	605	73	678

Andium Homes has the following housing projects in planning or post-planning and pre-construction:

				Total in planning or post-planning and pre-construction
	Brewery	Pomme D'or	Northern Quarter	*
Studio flat	0	0	0	0
1 bed flat	172	10	122	304
2 bed flat	85	2	41	128
3 bed mixed	5 flats		6 houses	11
Total	262	12	169	443
PC	Feb-27	Sep-24	Apr-26	

Summary:

	Grand total (excluding	
	refurbished)	Grand total
Studio	14	28
1 bed	696	724
2 bed	381	412
3 bed	30	30
Total	1121	1194

Andium Homes plan to sell one-third of their new-build programme as affordable homes. It is not possible, at this stage, to identify which of those homes will be sold.

(c) As of Friday 11 November, there were 1,995 active applications on the Assisted Purchase Pathway. Applicants are assessed against the Minister's <u>eligibility criteria</u> for bed size need.

Affordable housing purchase schemes (gov.je)

	Bed-size need
One bed	891
Two bed	519
Three bed	450
Four bed	104
Five+ bed	31
Total	1995

Average waiting times within these bed-size needs, based on 2022 sales, are as follows:

One bed	1 year 8 months
Two bed	3 years 5 months
Three bed	4 years 8 months
Four bed	3 years 4 months