

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2011**

Question

"What powers, if any, does the Minister possess to ensure tenants within Housing Trust properties are protected from persistent anti-social behaviour from neighbours; further still, what sanctions, if any, can he impose on Housing Trusts that do not protect tenants' rights?"

Answer

Our housing trusts have developed in what is a largely unregulated sector and the short answer to the Deputy's question is that there are presently no specific statutory powers which allow me to intervene in such cases. This lack of regulation and accountability is something which has concerned me for some time and as many members will know is a matter that I am committed to addressing as a key work stream of the ongoing project to transform the manner in which social housing is delivered and regulated. I will set out how I propose to do this in a White Paper which I hope to lodge in June this year and which will, following consultation, be followed up with a report and proposition to introduce the necessary primary legislation in the second quarter of 2012. Assuming that the new legislation is approved detailed regulations would follow in late 2012 or early 2013.