

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**

Question

“In light of the Minister’s commitment in the Strategic Plan to Social Rented Housing, what measures, if any, has he taken in the last 4 years to regulate housing trusts?”

Answer

As members will well know, I commissioned a Fundamental Review of Social Housing in Jersey in 2007. That review was carried out by Professor Christine Whitehead OBE of the London School of Economics & Cambridge Centre for Housing & Planning Research.

One of the key terms of reference for the review, which were developed with the input of the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Panel, was to analyse the present regulatory structure applicable to social housing, compare it with regulation in other jurisdictions, and recommend a suitable framework for the future.

Professor Whitehead’s report was published in October 2009 and was open for public consultation until March this year.

I have been considering the findings of the report and feedback from the consultation process and I plan to lodge a report and proposition setting out a number of policy matters, including regulation, later this year.

Any new regulation will have a cost attached to it. Ultimately it will be for States Members to decide what form that regulation should take and how it will be paid for.