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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. PETER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th MAY 2020

Question

"With specific reference to prospective tenants referred from emergency housing, what guidelines, if any, are currently in place for landlords, and landlords' agents, when conducting condition reports and showing to such prospective tenants, in light of the need to adhere to social distancing?"

Answer

The Emergency Housing service has been established to assist islanders in finding secure accommodation where they are either homeless or residing in a home which is unsafe for them to remain in. In working with landlords and letting agents who have offered to allow their properties to be used for emergency accommodation, the emergency housing team works with them on a case by case basis, and as such are the no formally provided guidelines, as each situation may be unique and present challenges in accessing a property whilst adhering to social distancing guidelines.

For all private sector transactions, landlords and letting agents should refer to the latest published guidelines on the Safe Exit Level policies.