

STATES OF JERSEY



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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) –

After paragraph (b) insert a new paragraph (c) as follows –

- (c) to request the Minister for Social Security, on implementation of paragraph (a) (i), to ensure that this provision is extended to those tenants who are currently in receipt of a loan from the States of Jersey for the same purpose.

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

- (a) to request the Minister for Social Security, prior to the lodging of the next Government Plan, to –
 - (i) implement provision of special payment grants to any Andium Homes tenants who require carpets in new rentals and who would otherwise be eligible for a loan from the States of Jersey for such purpose; and
 - (ii) terminate any outstanding loan payments relating to the provision of carpets; and
- (b) to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources, in consultation with the Minister for Social Security, to work with Andium Homes to review their policy relating to –
 - (i) provision of flooring as standard in all properties; and
 - (ii) reuse of carpets after cleaning.
- (c) to request the Minister for Social Security, on implementation of paragraph (a)(i), to ensure that this provision is extended to those tenants who are currently in receipt of a loan from the States of Jersey for the same purpose.

REPORT

The intention of this amendment is to ensure the fairness of the Grant scheme. The intention of implementing this scheme is to help islanders who are struggling – my amendment seeks to include those who are already in that position, through the extension of the grant scheme to those negatively affected by loan repayments.

It could be argued that they have entered into such loans willingly – however with the rising cost of living, it is an unarguable extra burden on those who are just getting by. And when the choice is between extra debt or living with concrete floors?

Ultimately, I am seeking to remove any discrimination that may occur between one tenant entering into their tenancy on 30th June and one entering theirs on 1st July when the scheme is in place.

Financial and manpower implications

As detailed in my original report, the financial implication is minimal, and lessened by the ongoing repayment of outstanding loans.