WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING BY DEPUTY SHONA PITMAN OF ST. HELIER

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JUNE 2007

Question

Would the Minister inform members of the total amount of subsidies paid to Housing Trusts for each year from 1998 to 2006?

Answer

The only subsidy paid annually to the Housing Trusts is the capital interest subsidy on their borrowings. For the years 1998 to 2006, these payments have totalled:-

1998	£556,744
1999	£557,312
2000	£777,125
2001	£917,656
2002	£522,609
2003	£475,275
2004	£1,224,117
2005	£1,351,483
2006	£1,489,220

In addition the public have made a number of grants to the Jersey Homes Trust to facilitate certain developments. These grants amount to £10,665,000.

Rental subsidy in the form of Rent Rebate is a means tested benefit based upon the income of the applicant and is paid to the individual claimant rather than to the Trust or indeed any other landlord.