

**82. Accommodation for Vulnerable Young People –  
DHSC strategy and cross-Government steering committee**

The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care:

*Pursuant to the Select Committee Report on Accommodation for Vulnerable Young People, what plans the Department has (a) to publish an accommodation strategy for vulnerable young adults; (b) to publish a framework that focuses on need rather than narrowly defined categories; and (c) to set up a cross-Government steering committee to oversee the implementation and continued operation and evolution of strategy?*

**The Minister for Health and Social Care (Mr Ashford):** This recommendation of the Select Committee has not been concluded. Progress was put on hold during the COVID-19 response.

During the COVID-19 response there was a collaborative approach to providing accommodation to homeless people. This enabled a greater understanding of need to be achieved. Building on that collaborative approach the Social Affairs Policy Committee has agreed that an overarching accommodation strategy will be completed and, as it engages a number of Departments, will be led by the Cabinet Office.

Work on this has restarted and a business case to support it is underway.