



## **PUBLIC HOUSING BILL 2020**

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*These Notes have been produced for the assistance of Members  
with the approval of the Member in charge of the Bill,  
the Hon T Baker MHK*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. These Explanatory Notes relate to the Public Housing Bill 2020. They have been prepared by the Department of Infrastructure ("DoI") in order to assist readers of the Bill. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by the House of Keys.

2. The Notes need to be read in conjunction with the Bill. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Bill. *Ipsa facto*, where a clause or part of a clause does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

#### **BACKGROUND**

3. The Bill has one purpose, to revoke the Sale of Houses Regulations 1958 (GC 658/58) and an amending set of Regulations made in 1981. These are historic Regulations, made under the provisions of Part VI of the Housing Act 1955, which do not appear to have ever been enforced but are now inconsistent with modern housing practice and the later provisions of the First Time Buyers Schemes. The Bill retrospectively applies the revocation as from 1 January 1982.

4. In the opinion of the Member moving it the Bill's provisions are compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 2001.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. The Bill is a remedial measure that revokes historic Regulations which do not appear to have ever been enforced. As such there are no financial implications of the Bill.

#### **SUMMARY AND STRUCTURE OF THE BILL**

6. The Bill consists of three clauses.

7. Clauses 1 and 2 provide for the citation and commencement of the resulting Act.

8. Clause 3 provides that the Regulations, and an amending set of Regulations made in 1981, are to be treated as having been revoked on 1 January 1982.