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Dear Honourable Members,

During the 03 November Sitting of the House of Keys, I committed to providing further information following the request from the Hon Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew Mr Moorhouse in relation to Question 6:

*1.6. COVID-19 emergency regulations – Protection period for tenants - The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Chief Minister: Why coroners and courts are able to pursue tenants notwithstanding there being a protected period under the emergency regulations?*

Following the answer provided, the Hon Member asked *“Do you currently have the figures of how many people have been taken to court or experienced a coroner’s letter during the protected period?” (Hansard Ref 915)*

In the context of the discussion beforehand, I have taken this as requesting how many court claims have been filed since the Emergency Powers (Corona Virus) (Protection from Evictions) Regulations 2020 (as modified and extended) came into force, which sought possession where rent arrears are a factor. The number to date is 6 and in all cases the courts would of course have been cognisant of the Regulations in place and not issued any enforcement for possession for that period in matters solely relating to rent arrears. Therefore the Coroners would not have any such orders to enforce.

I trust this answers the question but should you seek any further information please let me know.

Kind regards  
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