

Further to our earlier release, the JLA would like to make the following statement:

The media seems to have missed a key part of our message in their reporting today. We are proposing that tenants that 'blow the whistle' on bad landlords should be granted appropriate protections against eviction and excessive rent increases. The proponents of the licensing scheme claim that tenants will never be persuaded to complain. But imagine if that's wrong. Environmental Health could save a fortune by only having to deal with the bad landlords, rather than having to inspect each and every rental unit in the Island. At the very least, we think this avenue deserves to be fully explored before the States Assembly commits itself to a costly, intrusive and bureaucratic licensing scheme.

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