

## Land Tax - Residential Properties and Investment Properties

### **Mr BAYLEY question to MINISTER for FINANCE**

Judith from Mount Stuart has contacted us about the fairness of current land tax practices. Judith's son is a first home buyer. He recently bought a home as his primary residence that was previously an investment property. Following purchase, they were shocked to learn that land tax would still be payable as if it were an investment until the property's reassessment as a primary residence on 1 July next year. The vendor of the investment property can claim reimbursement of a proportion of land tax from the purchaser, despite the principal residence not attracting land tax. This is confirmed in a guidance for conveyancers document by the State Revenue Office. We also understand that there is no mechanism for the purchaser to then claim reimbursement from the government for the proportion of land tax paid on what is now a home, not an investment. This is an unfair situation that will affect hundreds of new homeowners each year. Will you move to address this issue?