

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Freedom of Information request seeking a copy of a property lease

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**Request:**

“In August 2020 a Rental Agreement Lease was issued to a tenant occupying a property at [ADDRESS OF PROPERTY REDACTED], owned by [NAME OF COMPANY REDACTED].

Regrettably, the original and/or a copy of the signed Rental Agreement Lease issued to the tenant was not returned to the Company. There is now a legal dispute as to whether there was a signed Rental Agreement Lease in place for the property rented by the Company to the tenant.

It has now transpired that the rental payments that commenced in November 2020 were paid for by the Social Security Department (Social Security) as income support, on behalf of the tenant occupying the property. It is assumed that no rental monies would have been paid out by Social Security as income support on behalf of the tenant unless Social Security had received and reviewed a signed lease agreement.

Given the special circumstances, I request that the Social Security department provide a copy of this rental agreement document to the Company.

This Rental Agreement Lease is a standard lease document and only details the name of the tenant and the address, which is already available publicly. It is now required as supporting documentation for the Company due to the legal dispute over rental arrear payments that are now taking place between the Company and the Tenant through the Guernsey Petty Debts Court.”

**Response provided by the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security:**

Following a search of its records, the Committee can confirm that it does not hold a copy of a lease in respect of [ADDRESS OF PROPERTY REDACTED] dated August 2020.