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Mr Reyes has opened his mouth and put his foot in it

HM Government of Gibraltar has made it abundantly clear on several occasions that the sole criteria for allocating housing in the new co-ownership estates is the housing waiting list.

The first eligible category are those people who were on the list on 9 December 2011. The next eligible category are those on the list after we came into office and so on. It seems also necessary again to clarify the rules regarding the size of the flats. For instance, once the four bedroom list has been exhausted, or people on it do not want to buy, the right to purchase then passes on to persons on other lists, in strict order, whose entitlement might be less. In other words, if one single person has been allocated a three bedroom flat it is because nobody above that person on the list wanted to buy it.

All these processes were explained on the application forms so all applicants should be aware of the relevant information.

Despite Mr Reyes' claims to the contrary, there has not been no lack of transparency. We will publish a full list of buyers once we are in a position to do so.

Let's hope that Mr Reyes does not need this information to be repeated yet again.