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# The last 10 Housing Ministers since 2012



#### Now have 3 Housing Ministers













## Legislation/changes

- To remind you of the changes that came up in 2018:-
- •changes to Mandatory Licensing, including minimum room sizes.
- •the need for an EPC to be 'E' or greater for new tenancies.
- •A new How to Rent Guide (twice!!) (again last week).
- •The need to only use the new Section 21 (form 6a). Be caref about issuing the Gas Certificate (CP12) on time.
- Introduction of new Data Protection rule, requiring all
- landlords to inform their tenant of the data being held,
- Rules on mortgage restriction.

## Legislation/changes

And the changes that came up in 2019:-

- •Tenants Fees Act.
- •New Section 21.
- Introduction of Client Money Protection for all agents.
- Fitness For Human Habitation Act.
- Right to Rent Checks.



## Legislation/changes

- Anticipated to come up in 2019:-
- •The possibility of landlords needing to join a Property
- Redress Scheme, as agents have to at the moment.
- •The possibility of public access to the Database of Rogue Landlords and Property Agents.
- Introduction of Mandatory 5 year electrical checks.
- •The continuation of Tax changes under Section 24 of the Finance Act



#### **Government Reviews**

- Selective Licensing review.
- The consideration for Housing Courts.
- The possibility of longer term tenancies.
- Review of Property Agents.
- Management of Leasehold Properties.
- Of HHSRS.
- Section 21/8 review.
- Tenancy Deposit Schemes.

#### The future?



## Don't stick your head in the sand





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