

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7th MARCH 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister advise what access, if any, has been given since 4th July 2021 to the current leader of the Jersey Alliance party to government buildings, including Broad Street, and to government officers?”

Answer

Further to the answer provided to WQ.61/2022, Sir Mark Boleat was engaged as a consultant for the Island Identity Project between 31 March 2021 – 30 September 2021. During this period, he was not provided with officer support but did work collaboratively with the project lead for the Island Identity Project. Additionally, as part of his scope of work, he was expected to correspond regularly with the lead minister, and her officers, including the project lead, to provide them with updates on his work and further the Island Identity Project.

He was not provided with an access card for entry into Broad Street or any other government building. Further to WQ.61/2022 he was invited to the Broad Street offices on a number of occasions for meetings as part of his engagement with the Island Identity project.

Following the conclusion of his engagement as a consultant (September 2021) and his subsequent membership of the Jersey Alliance Party (November 2021), Sir Mark Boleat has not been provided with special access to Government buildings or government officers.

It should be noted that civil servants have an obligation to impartially and reasonably provide information upon request to prospective election candidates to support an informed debate. To this extent, government officers are accessible to all prospective candidates.