2.19 The Deputy of St. John of the Minister for Planning and Environment regarding delays in connecting homes at La providence on the Beaumont/Sandybrook site to a mains pumping station:

Given that many homes at La Providence on the Beaumont/Sandybrook site have now been sold, could Members be told why there has been a delay in connecting this site to the main pumping station and when this work will be completed?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment - rapporteur):

The Transport and Technical Services Department advises that a private foul sewage pumping station has been constructed at the site following consultations with the developer. The sewage is pumped in a southerly direction from there along a rising main to the 27 inch public gravity foul sewer adjacent to the sea wall. Connection to the public sewer was made with the agreement of the Transport and Technical Services Department and it came into operation in June 2009. It is my understanding that any delays in making this connection were due to protracted discussions over the cost of acquiring drainage rights over public land.

2.19.1 The Deputy of St. John:

I am pleased to hear that the connection has now been made. Could we be told of the actual cost to the Island of the delay?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

I am told that there is no delay but if indeed that is still the Deputy of St. John's submission then I will endeavour to find a cost to be attributed to this deficiency.

The Deputy of St. John:

Given that my information tells me there was a considerable delay in this pumping station being put into the operation, hence with the cost of building and labour costs, there would be a cost and I would be delighted if the Assistant Minister could provide me with those figures in due course.