

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th JUNE 2012**

Question

Would the Minister detail any concerns raised by any States Departments prior to H.M. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee firework display on 4th June 2012 and would he undertake to provide Members with any relevant reports from any States Department (such as Environment/Health and Safety/Fire Service etc) relating to the display?

Answer

It is not the mandate of the Department to authorise firework displays, but it acts in an advisory capacity and also regulates and enforces in the event of contravention of relevant island legislation. In the case of the jubilee display, the Department was contacted by the ornithological section of the Societe Jersiaise who were concerned about disturbance to birds nesting on the rock outcrop at the castle.

A subsequent meeting was held with the Bailiffs' team, This was followed by a meeting on site at the castle including staff from Fire and Rescue, the Health and Safety Inspectorate, as well as Environment department staff. The fireworks display operators were requested by the Bailiff to prepare a risk assessment which, I would respectfully suggest to the Deputy, should a copy be required a request is made of the Bailiffs' chambers.

Further, it is understood that the Societe were to undertake a pre and post display survey of the nesting sites but as this is not something that was requested by the Department, I would again respectfully advise that they should be approached directly for a copy of any subsequently drafted report.