

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2017**

Question

Will the Minister advise whether an off-Island landscape architecture firm was picked to design the landscape scheme for Jersey's entrance and gateway at La Collette; and, if so, will he explain how, and why, this firm was selected?

And will he further explain how the employment of U.K. consultants, in circumstances where appropriate local firms also exist, meets the objectives of Financial Directions 5.1 to 5.6?

Answer

I am assuming that the Deputy is referring to the La Collette Headland which is the subject of a current planning application and includes an element of landscape design.

The procurement of services to prepare and submit the planning application and environmental impact assessment was carried out as a fully competitive process and in accordance with Financial Codes of Direction 5.1 and 5.6. The work was tendered to specialist lead consultants who selected their own sub consultants to work alongside them. The landscape architecture was a sub consultant's package of which the successful tenderer ultimately selected an off Island provider.

The procurement package encouraged tenders to use on Island providers where appropriate and the successful tenderer has used a local firm, Nurture Ecology Ltd, who provided ecological advice in the preparation of the planning application.

The objectives of the Financial Directions 5.1 and 5.6 is to ensure public money is spent in the most cost effective transparent way whilst ensuring best practice methods of procurement are followed. The procurement of this package of work met these objectives.