

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 31st MARCH 2009**

Question

“Would the Minister advise whether the tender to demolish Ann Court has been accepted, how the process was advertised and whether he has been contacted since its acceptance, with a considerably lower offer to do this work and if so, by how much?”

Will the Minister advise whether all the debris from the demolition will be taken to La Collette for recycling in controlled conditions, and, if not, why not?”

Answer

The Minister for Housing approved the demolition of Ann Court on 4th March 2009, subject to approval by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, which is awaited. The Minister has, on the basis of advice from the Project Management team at Transport and Technical Services, accepted a tender in the amount of £349,540 for the demolition from D B Cummins Ltd.

The tender process for the demolition contract was undertaken by Transport and Technical Services and was conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in Financial Direction 5.6. A notice for expressions of interest was published in the Gazette on 6th, 7th and 8th November and expressions of interest were subsequently received from four demolition and building contractors. All of these interested parties were invited to tender. Three tenderers submitted prices. The tender from D B Cummins Limited was the lowest tender.

An e-mail from a demolition contractor was received by the Minister for Housing on 19th March advising that they had submitted a price for the demolition works as a subcontractor to one of the unsuccessful tenderers. The e-mail did include information about the sum which the subcontractor had submitted to the unsuccessful tenderer. Details of unsuccessful tender figures are confidential and as such cannot be released prior to the signing of formal contracts with the successful tenderer. However, I would be more than happy to release details of all the tenders received once contracts have been signed.

The demolition debris will not be taken to La Collette for recycling. The successful tender recommended for acceptance by Transport and Technical Services provides for recycling demolition debris on site. The tender and evaluated method statements include meeting all environmental protection standards set by the regulators.