WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020

Question

Will the Minister advise Members –

- (a) what progress, if any, his department has made in providing the Jersey Sea Cadets with new headquarters;
- (b) how many meetings, if any, have been held on this topic over the last 24 months, and what the dates were of any such meetings;
- (c) whether he will circulate the minutes of any such meetings to Members; and
- (d) what sums of money, if any, have been given to the department; what any such funds have been spent on and what sum is remaining?

Answer

I am pleased to have oversight of the four Armed Forces Cadet Forces, including the Sea Cadets. I am keen to ensure they have appropriate facilities for their activities, and it is clear to me that their current location is no longer suitable.

My team are urgently working with Jersey Property Holdings on alternative locations for the Sea Cadets and will be meeting with the leaders of the Unit to discuss options. They last met on 24 February and discussed the need to find an alternative venue as soon as possible. There were no minutes of this meeting. This work was paused during the Covid-19 period but will now resume, including more detailed consideration of locations and funding. No funding has been allocated to Justice and Home Affairs for this work but my team are working closely with Jersey Property Holdings on the options and funding discussions will follow.