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**4 Deputy S.C. Ferguson of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the potential closure of Orchard House: [1(47)]**

Will the Minister advise whether or not Orchard House is expected to close and, if so, when?

**Senator A.K.F. Green (The Minister for Health and Social Services):**

As I stated in my written answer to the Senator's written question, number 35 on this subject, my department is intending to move out of Orchard House to mitigate risk, but more importantly to improve the environment and the service which the Acute Mental Health Service and Inpatient Assessment Centre is required. We do not have an expected date for closure as Jersey Property Holdings are currently carrying out a feasibility study to redevelop parts of Clinique Pinel with a view to moving there the services from Orchard House. However we are hopeful that we will be in a position to submit a planning application before the summer.

**3.4.1 Senator S.C. Ferguson:**

Does the Minister not understand that it will be a fairly capital intensive change at Clinique Pinel because the 2 types of patient should be kept separately, as recommended by the Royal Society. The staff required for dementia have different qualifications to those required for the Orchard House patients. Why is this even being considered? The Royal Society say these 2 types of patients should not be mixed so why is the department even thinking about it?

**Senator A.K.F. Green:**

The Royal Society do not say that the 2 types of patients should not be in a nearby or the same facility, just that they should not be mixed on the same ward. I wish the Senator would get her facts correct.