

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2003, BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

Question

Will the President inform the Assembly whether there are any premises which are occupied by the Jersey Arts Trust which are done so without a lease being in force, and, if so, would he inform members of the reasons for this, as well as providing the terms of such arrangements including the applicable dates of commencement and termination, and breakdown of responsibilities between the landlord and tenant in respect of maintenance issues?

Answer

There are two States' properties occupied by the Jersey Arts Trust for which leases have not yet been agreed. These are the Opera House and St James' Centre. Negotiations between the Trust, the Opera House Board Limited, the Jersey Arts Centre Management Association, the Property Services Department and the States Treasury are ongoing, and are focused upon the terms and conditions of the leases and the financial resources required by all parties to meet any agreement made. My understanding is that the bodies occupying the premises are unwilling to accept 'full repairing' leases within their current resources.

With regard to the Deputy's enquiry concerning the breakdown of responsibilities between parties, and the effective commencement and termination dates of the leases, these items will be detailed in the lease documentation once agreed by the above parties.