

**QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY,  
4th NOVEMBER 2003 BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN**

**Question 1**

On 1st July 2003 the States rejected the Committee's proposition (P.68/2003) concerning the sale of Amy's House, St. Martin. Rather than transfer the property to the Health and Social Services Committee, the President stated that the property would be refurbished and again let to someone on the States Rental Waiting list.

- (a) Would the President inform Members when refurbishment of Amy's House began?
- (b) How much will the refurbishment cost?
- (c) When the refurbishment will be completed and the property re-occupied?

**Answer**

- (a) The refurbishment of Amy's House has not begun. The Housing Committee does not intend to refurbish the property. The Assembly will be aware that the Housing Committee has a number of miscellaneous type properties which are in need of either significant repair or are of a type which are not best suited to use as social housing. As part of a holistic approach to rationalise the current stock and to help address the lack of funds to remedy the problems which affect many of the properties that are to be retained, proposals will be brought to this Assembly as soon as possible to sell a number of properties. It would be nonsensical not to include Amy's House in this list. Rather than deal with matters piecemeal, the Assembly will have an opportunity to consider the sale of Housing Committee property as a policy, debate the same and then makes its decision accordingly. In view of this commitment to bring this policy initiative to the Assembly for debate, I see no point in re-running the arguments over Amy's House at this stage.

**Question 2**

On 20th May 2003, in answer to a question as to why the property known as L'Hôpital, St. Catherine was unoccupied, the Vice-President stated that, subject to the outcome of discussions with the Planning Officers and the receipt of permission, a start date had been programmed for July.

- (a) Would the President inform members of the progress of the work?
- (b) On completion of the work, will the property be let to people on the States Rental Waiting List?
- (c) If the answer is in the negative, will the property be offered to other Committees?

**Answer**

- (a) Work has not started on L'Hôpital. The Department is waiting for final approval for the scheme from the Environment and Public Services Committee.
- (b) No.
- (c) L'Hôpital is one of the properties that the Housing Committee believes should be sold. It will, therefore, be included in the list of properties to be submitted to this Assembly for debate.