

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2013**

Question

Would the Minister advise whether he is happy with the visual state of La Collette reclamation site - with particular reference to the earth mounds, white plastic sheeting, rusty containers, incinerator building etc - and, if not, what, if anything, he intends to do about it?

Answer

The earth mounds, plastic sheeting, containers and the energy from waste plant are all present at La Collette in connection with authorised activities. The nature of the activities at La Collette reclamation site are such that there will inevitably be some features which are not visually attractive however this impact will change over time.

The energy from waste plant has implemented a landscaping scheme designed by Townsends Landscape Architects – one of Europe’s leading landscape architecture practices – that will take a little time to fully establish itself, but I am confident that in time the landscaping will have a positive effect on the area. The shipping containers that are present will hopefully be removed soon, following an acceptable solution for the disposal of the asbestos waste they contain being agreed.

All the activities at the reclamation site have been considered vital to the proper functioning of the island and in the context of providing these facilities the visual impact is not unreasonable and in time will lessen.

If the Deputy or any other States Members can offer further solutions and ideas to visually improve this site, I would be more than interested in hearing them.