

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2009**

Question

Would the Minister confirm whether it is planned to demolish Fort Regent swimming pool, and, if not, what consideration, if any, has been given to its refurbishment and reinstatement as a public facility?

Answer

Jersey Property Holdings has recently obtained prices to demolish Fort Regent swimming pool. It is planned that this will take place as part of a coordinated redevelopment of the whole Fort Regent site once a programme has been developed by Property Holdings and Education Sport and Culture and agreed by the States.

There is little or no prospect of refurbishing or reinstating the swimming pool building as a public facility. Approximately 7 years ago, decisions were taken to close the pool and replace it with a new facility as it was considered that the cost of refurbishing the building would not represent good value for money. Since that time further deterioration has occurred and as a result, the building is now in a severely dilapidated condition.

A condition survey has been carried out and identified a number of serious structural faults. The roof leaks and is constructed of material which contains asbestos. Glazing does not meet current thermal insulation standards and there is severe concrete degradation to external areas meaning that demolition is the only option.