

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2003, BY SENATOR E.P. VIBERT**

Question

- (a) Would the President inform members of the full cost, including publication of the report, of the recent study carried out into building a conference centre at Fort Regent by the Jersey Conference Bureau?;
- (b) would the President inform members whether or not the Jersey Conference Bureau liaised with the Education, Sport and Culture Committee during this process?;
- (c) would the President inform members when the Jersey Conference Bureau became aware of plans by the Education, Sport and Culture Committee to research a proposal to move certain facilities from Fort Regent to the Le Rocquier School site?

Answer

- (a) The full cost of the conference study is £25,000. The report is being funded by the Tourism Development Fund.
- (b) The former Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee and senior officers of that department were aware that the study was being prepared and had previously been shown copies of architects visuals and outline proposals for the conference centre within the Queen's Hall.
- (c) The Jersey Conference Bureau were not aware of the plans of the then Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee to move facilities from Fort Regent to Le Rocquier School. The Conference Bureau received the information when it was released to the public in Jersey on 21st November 2003, via the media.