

QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 8th JULY 2003, BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN

Question

It has recently been reported that the refurbishment of Philip Le Feuvre House cost in the region of £3.5 million. Can the President give details of the works undertaken and the date that the building was previously re-built?

Answer

The building was designed and built in the late 1970's and has had very little spent on it since then. Current works largely consist of the replacement of mechanical services and electrical services which were failing, were not safe and, basically, had reached the end of their life cycle. In addition, other worn out components have been repaired or replaced, such as windows, an adequate ventilation system is being installed and general refurbishment of the whole building carried out. We have taken the opportunity to remove partitions so that floors are largely open plan, which enables more flexible use of space and put in provision for new services such as a call centre. We have also put a very small extension on the front of the building so that all customer services are provided in one area rather than the previous five, thus creating a one-stop-shop.