

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th MARCH 2021**

Question

Following his answer to OQ.56/2021, will the Minister provide members with an update on –

- (a) the progress of investigations into the use of the former police headquarters site in Rouge Bouillon in relation to Education, Home Affairs and Housing related projects;
- (b) the budget and resources allocated to each of the above-mentioned working groups undertaking these investigations;
- (c) the number and date of any/all meetings that have taken place with regards to these investigations, including a list of attendees at each meeting; and
- (d) a deadline for the completion of each strand of this work?

Answer

(a) Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) have completed a very thorough review of potential sites around St Helier to determine the best location for a Fire and Rescue and Ambulance station. The outcome of that study is that the current location is the best for response times and reducing the statistical likelihood of fatal incidents.

Before a decision can be made to commit that site to ongoing use as a critical life saving facility, analysis is being conducted by the Education department to look at sites in St Helier available immediately and in the short term for their suitability for development as primary schools. The Education department have a need to address the imbalance of school distribution in town, particularly with the development of additional residential developments at the Limes, Anne Court, The Brewery, and Gas Place and to try and rationalise the number of schools and provide a more efficient estate with better facilities.

As identified above, there are several housing projects in various stages of development, and it is worth noting that as the hospital and office projects progress there will be further opportunities for residential development that will be coordinated by the Regeneration Steering Group and the Council of Ministers.

(b) There is £50K earmarked for the primary school review and a total of £22m over the period of the government plan earmarked for the outcome of the Rouge Bouillon site review.

(c) Discussions concerning the Rouge Bouillon site have been ongoing for many years and it is not practical to list them all. However, in the last quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021 the following have been involved in a series of discussions about the future of the former Police Headquarters: The Executive leadership Team, the Corporate Asset Management Board, the JHA Regular Service Provision Project review meetings, including representatives of the Fire and Rescue Services the Ambulance Service and Jersey Property Holdings project manager. The site has also been discussed at the regular meetings of the; Children, Young People Education & Skills (CYPES) leadership team, Infrastructure,

Housing & Environment leadership team, Jersey Housing Association leadership team and in CYPES, JHA and Infrastructure ministerial meetings.

(d) The JHA blue light review has already been completed and the primary school estate review will report to the council of Ministers in the May meeting.