

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2007

Question

On Page 179 in the Annex to the Business Plan, there is a reference to the Western Fire Station, La Route des Quennevais, St. Brelade suggesting its possible closure. In view of the fact that the Western Parishes have had a number of serious fires in the past 12 months, including a very serious headland fire incident close to HMP La Moye, at La Moye Point, that lasted many days and there are approximately 1,200 new units of accommodation due for completion in the five Western Parishes in the next 12 months, would the Minister state whether any decision has been made to close the Western Fire Station, and, if so, explain the reasons for this?

Answer

There are currently no plans to close the Western Fire Station. Until recently, discussions between senior managers from the Fire and Rescue Service and the Airport had been in progress with regard to the sharing of fire station facilities for both Services as part of a broader project of development at the Airport. A successful conclusion to these discussions would have resulted in the current Western Fire Station site becoming available however, a number of factors associated with the proposed new facilities at the Airport and the Fire and Rescue Service's 'Risk Profile' of the whole area have led to a joint decision not to pursue the initiative further. Indeed, a programme of refurbishment for the Western Fire Station is currently being considered by Fire and Rescue Service managers.