

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2012**

Question

Further to his written answer on 6th November 2012 in which the Minister stated that archive and equipment storage, a garage and command vehicles would be located at the States-owned warehouse unit at La Collette, will the Minister -

- (a) explain what equipment will be stored at this location, state whether the garage at La Collette will be a 'forensic garage' and explain the function of a 'forensic garage';
- (b) clarify the reply that £30,000 per annum has been set aside for the security of this location;
- (c) give the total cost for this extra site;
- (d) explain where all the above functions are carried out at present?

Answer

- (a) The proposal is to locate archive storage, oversized vehicle parking and garage at a States-owned warehouse-type location at La Collette.

This facility will provide a secure forensic examination area for vehicles or other large items; garaging for up to 5 oversize vehicles (command vehicle, large PSV, emergency equipment van); storage for emergency equipment / signage etc; storage for public order equipment / shields etc; space for caged archive storage of papers and large exhibits.

A forensic 'garage' is a dedicated area specially constructed to provide a controlled environment in which the forensic / specialist examination of recovered motor vehicles or other large exhibits can be conducted. The facility should be dry, weather-proof, well-lit and be of sufficient size to enable good circulation space around a vehicle to enable specialist photography and other forensic examinations to take place. The facility will require a laboratory table / bench and cupboard storage for specialist equipment and materials.

It should be noted that the decision to locate archiving off-site was taken in 2009, before the current Green Street scheme had been considered.

- (b) For the sake of clarity, the £30,000 is not an annual sum; it is a one –off capital sum that has been included within the base budget of the scheme to set up the facility, including CCTV, security access control, storage racking and other minor works.
- (c) As a States-owned site, there will be an internal recharge for the facility. With the States of Jersey Police currently looking to reduce its archive storage requirement, it will not be

possible to identify the likely level of this internal recharge until the amount of space required has been finalised.

(d) The functions are currently carried out as follows:

- i) Archive storage is currently located in a number of places, including the basement at Rouge Bouillon, on the top floor of the former factory at Summerland and under the car park at Minden Place.
- ii) The forensic garage is located alongside the Fire Station garage at Rouge Bouillon
- iii) Oversized vehicles are located on the Summerland site.