WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY K.F. MOREL OF ST. LAWRENCE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 26th APRIL 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021

Question

Will the Minister advise how many unused properties the Government owns which could be used for affordable housing, either as empty sites or via property conversion?

Answer

There are currently 44 Government owned units that are categorised as 'vacant'. Most of these sites are not suitable for residential development, as they are temporary voids (such as Rooms and stores at Fort Regent, or OTC storage units), identified for non-residential development (Overdale Hospital) or commercial sites proposed for disposal (12 Burrard Street shop).

The most significant sites that could contribute to new housing supply from current Government owned sites, which have been identified as being suitable for future housing development, have been published in the Housing chapter of the draft Bridging Island Plan and are listed as:

- Ambulance Station
- Le Bas
- St. Saviour's Hospital (part)
- Westaway Court
- La Motte Street offices

The Limes and South Hill are two Government owned surplus sites recently transferred to Andium and States Development Company respectfully and which are being developed for housing (both affordable and open market).