

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2008

Question

1. Is the refurbishment work at Clos du Fort causing parking problems to residents and if so, will he inform members how long this refurbishment work has been planned and how long it is expected to continue?

Answer

The refurbishment work at Clos du Fort has required the scaffolding of the four 1970's blocks. Understandably this has had some impact on the availability of parking. The refurbishment has been in the feasibility and planning phases since 2005 but owing to a shortage of funds was not able to commence until October 2007. The first of the blocks is almost complete and the scaffold on that building will be coming down within the next month. The project is programmed to be complete in June this year. I was fortunate enough to be able to visit Clos du Fort myself with the Council of Ministers last week, to view the works-in-progress. This programme is delivering a much needed improvement to 48 States Tenants homes.

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2. Will he further inform members how many car parking spaces at Clos du Fort , if any, are allocated :
 - (a) to Housing department officers
 - (b) to other States departmental staff
 - (c) to members of the public who pay for a space?

Answer

- (a) There are no spaces allocated to anyone. All spaces are on a first come first served basis. Fourteen department Officers have permission to park on the estate but only once demand for permits from tenants has been satisfied. However, all but two of these officers have been moved to alternate locations for the duration of the contract.
- (b) As mentioned above there are no spaces allocated to anyone. A total of 14 permits to park have been allocated to other States departments. Ten of these are on a full fee paying basis.
- (c) As mentioned above there are no spaces allocated to anyone. A total of 6 permits to park have been allocated to fee paying members of the Public.

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3. Will he also reveal what revenue is generated from these spaces?

Answer

This year the site will yield £23,365.92 in paid parking fees.

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4. What steps will the Minister take, if any, to alleviate any parking problems caused by the works, and will he consider suspending any permits allocated to non-residents, and if not, why not?

Answer

The department has reduced the number of operational vehicles parked on the site and has not sought to increase the numbers of paid parkers this year. The parking enforcement contractors have stepped up levels of policing on the site to discourage illegal parking. Contractors working on the site have been provided with a small compound for their vehicles and are not allowed to park elsewhere on the estate. I do not propose to suspend parking for fee paying non-residents the income from whom is a valuable source of revenue.