

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2003, BY THE CONNETABLE OF ST. HELIER**

Question

Following the decision of the States dated 18th September 2003, in which, as part of the States Resource Plan 2004-2008, they approved capital expenditure of £3,819,000 for 2004, and approved in principle capital expenditure for 2005 of £2,804,000, to enable the construction of a 28-bed nursing home and day care centre at Belle Vue, St. Brelade, would the President undertake to prepare and present to the States a full business case to support the development of the residential nursing home and day care centre, and to include in the business case an examination of the alternative means of providing a similar number of residential nursing beds, before he presents to the States for approval the drawings relating to this project?

Answer

No.

The Belle View project has been proposed since 1993, and was originally given high priority in the 1998 capital programme. It complies with all existing States' policies in respect of capital developments and has been subjected to the full existing scrutiny process, including decision conferencing and approval from the Planning and Environment Committee. The project has already been approved by this Assembly, in the Resource Plan debate, and, moreover, was subjected to specific debate during the Connétable's unsuccessful amendment which sought to have it excised from the capital programme. If the course of action suggested by the Connétable were deemed to have merit, the argument would apply equally to all States' capital projects, not just those of the Health and Social Services Committee. To be consistent and rational, the States would need to agree an entirely new policy that required all existing approved capital projects to be put on hold whilst an examination that met the Connétable's requirements was prepared for each of them, and for each to then be debated in turn by this Assembly.