

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HARBOURS AND AIRPORT
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 4th MARCH 2003 BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

Question

- (a) During the recent States debate on Field 790, St. Peter, following which it was agreed that the field would be sold to the Jersey Rugby Club for £11,000 and the public would be responsible for supplying and building a fence along the western boundary, the President was unable to provide details of the cost of the fence at the time.

Will the President inform members of the cost of supplying and erecting the fence and whether or not the funding is to come from the Committee's budget. If not, from which source will the funding be provided?

- (b) Will the President inform members if Field 790 had been independently valued and when, or if not, will he give the reason why this was not carried out?
- (c) Will the President confirm whether any officer from the Airport Administration or Planning or Property Services Departments, who were directly or indirectly involved in the negotiations regarding the sale of Field 790, had been a member of, or player for, the Jersey Rugby Football Club at any time since negotiations began in 1993?
- (d) Will the President give details of the sale of Field 790, St. Peter, indicating whether the land will be sold to the Jersey Rugby Club or the Jersey Rugby Club Limited, and will he also give details of any provisions in the event of the dissolution of either the Jersey Rugby Club or the Jersey Rugby Club Limited going out of business, and what will happen to the assets of the Club in such circumstances?

Answer

- (a) I wrote to all Members on this subject last week and I reaffirm that the Committee has no wish nor requirement to create an additional fence.
- (b) The valuation of the field was made by the States' Property Services Department which exists to offer such advice to States' Departments. The Department provided professional advice and the Harbours and Airport Committee has no reason to employ outside consultants to do the same job.
- (c) No officer in Airport Administration has been involved directly or indirectly in the negotiations regarding the sale of Field 790.

I am not aware of the social arrangements or sporting prowess of officers of the Planning and Property Services Departments. However, I am advised that an officer of the Property Services Department who was a member of and a player for The Jersey Rugby Football Club until 2001, has been involved but was not responsible for making any decision in respect of the sale.

- (d) The land is being sold to The Jersey Rugby Football Club Limited.

A restrictive covenant is included in that sale agreement which prevents, in perpetuity, any form of development other than that associated with its permitted use as a sporting facility associated directly with the requirements of The Jersey Rugby Football Club. Should the ownership of the land change, the covenant would remain and could only be removed with the agreement of the States.

I am not aware what would happen to the assets of The Jersey Rugby Football Club Limited should it go out of business.