

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE  
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 10th JUNE 2003, BY SENATOR E.P. VIBERT**

**Question**

- (a) Would the President confirm that it has been decided not to proceed with a full conservation plan on the historical importance of Fort Regent prior to a feasibility study being carried out, to determine whether or not private enterprise could take over the Fort and develop it commercially?

If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, would the President advise members –

- (b) whether a specialist consultant has been engaged to carry out a more rapid overview of conservation constraint and opportunities in the form of a conservation statement, and, if so, at what cost to the States?  
and,
- (c) whether liaison has taken place with the Jersey Heritage Trust or the Société Jersiaise over the matter of a conservation plan.

**Answer**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The advice of the Environment and Public Services Department's Assistant Director - Design and Conservation, is that, at this stage, the only requirement is to prepare a Conservation Statement, to inform the selected consultants for the Feasibility Study. It will be a matter for the Environment and Public Services Committee to determine whether a Conservation Plan or a Conservation Statement is appropriate at a later stage.

I can confirm that, on the recommendation of the Assistant Director - Design and Conservation, a specialist consultant has been commissioned to produce a Conservation Statement at a cost of £11,300.

- (c) Stakeholder participation is critical to the success of a Conservation Statement. The specialist consultant will be engaging with the Jersey Heritage Trust, La Société Jersiaise and many other interested parties, including the Fort Regent Users Association.