

**QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY 2004
BY SENATOR P.V.F. LE CLAIRE**

Question

Is the Committee concerned about the number of people choosing to end their lives by jumping from the rooftops of public car parks and will the Committee now undertake to secure these areas without delay?

Answer

The Environment and Public Services Committee is extremely concerned that anyone would decide to attempt to take their own life.

As the Senator is probably very well aware, the Health and Social Services Committee established a multi-agency working group in 2002 to review the overall position concerning this matter in Jersey and the Committee has been represented fully in the deliberations of that group.

The report from the multi-agency working group recognised that efforts needed to be made across many areas to reduce the risk of persons taking or attempting to take their own lives and produced an action plan. The Committee wholly supports this action plan.

The Committee has accepted the action that information directed at those vulnerable members of society should be displayed at the entrances to the car parks. This will be in the form of advertisements for The Samaritans and has been produced in poster form and will be displayed in the car park stair wells in the very near future.

The Committee will continue to work as part of the group, particularly when building new or redeveloping existing facilities, to incorporate systems and features that will help meet the group's aims.