

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2005

Question

Would the President inform members of the current position regarding the proposed assignment of the lease for the site known as 'The Quarry', Gorey Pier, details of which were presented to the States on 19th October 2004 in the list of Standing Order Transactions?

Answer

At the States sitting on 19th October 2004, certain members raised concerns over the terms of the proposed lease of the site known as 'The Quarry' at Gorey, and I agreed that the Committee would not proceed with the signing of that lease until the concerns of members had been addressed. The Deputy and Connétable of St. Martin met subsequently with an officer of the Environment and Public Services Committee to discuss the lease proposal in more detail.

During the course of those discussions and in subsequent correspondence various other alternatives for the future use of the site were put forward which warranted fuller investigation. Those alternatives are still being evaluated, together with a more recently proposed option for development of the site which includes the incorporation of an adjacent property, also in the public ownership, the lease of which terminates in 2006.

I can inform members that a report on the alternative options for the future of this property, including the original lease proposal to Premier Service Marine Engineering Limited, will be considered by the Environment and Public Services Committee in the very near future.