

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2006**

**Question**

In his answer to an oral question on 31st January 2006, the Minister stated that he 'would be happy to form a working group which would include the Connétables' and other interested parties in order that firm recommendations could be brought forward next year in respect of the payment of rates on States-owned properties. Would the Minister indicate the progress he has made in arranging this working group?

**Answer**

In my answer of 31st January 2006, I did agree to form a working group to consider the issue of States properties being liable to Rates.

Once the Island Wide Rate has been implemented and its preliminary effects can be assessed I shall progress the formation of such a consultative body, but as I stated in my response of 31st January, doing so ahead of the introduction of the Island Wide Rate would be premature.