

2.4 Deputy A. Breckon of St. Saviour of the Minister for Planning and Environment regarding compensation paid in 2006 in respect of rescindments of planning permits:

Would the Minister inform the Assembly whether any compensation has been paid in 2006 in respect of rescindments of planning permits and, if so, would he give full details?

Senator F.E. Cohen (The Minister for Planning and Environment):

There has been no compensation paid in 2006 in respect of the revocation or modification of any permissions. For further information, I can inform the House that the Trinity infill site is still at a pre-negotiation stage. Furthermore, I have revoked only one permit in 2006. This was effectively a modification and was relatively minor issue and it is hoped that a negotiated settlement can be reached.

2.4.1 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

I did not quite catch what he said about the Trinity infill site. Could he expand upon what is happening there, please?

Senator F.E. Cohen:

I think it would be inappropriate to expand. I will repeat what I said. The Trinity infill site is still at a pre-negotiation stage.

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

What is a pre-negotiation stage?

Senator F.E. Cohen:

It is a pre-negotiation stage, which means that our lawyers and the claimant's lawyers are in discussion trying to clarify a number of issues prior to negotiation.

2.4.2 Deputy A. Breckon:

I wonder if the Minister could tell the House, then, what he has done with the £700,000 that was granted to the Minister in March this year?

Senator F.E. Cohen:

I can confirm that I have not spent it. It is held in an account, as I understand it, pending negotiations. But, as I have said, we are still at a pre-negotiation stage.