

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**

Question

“Would the Chief Minister advise whether Orchid Communications has been employed by the Waterfront Enterprise Board (WEB) to undertake promotional work and, if so, why is this considered necessary at this time in view of the proposed establishment of a States property company to take over WEB?

Could members be given details of the Orchid contract and the costs involved?”

Answer

One of the key objectives of the Waterfront Enterprise Board, as laid out in paragraph 25 (b) (i) of the Company’s Articles of Association is:-

*“**To promote**, co-ordinate and implement a comprehensive strategy for the development of the St Helier Waterfront area as shown on Map No: 3-92 approved by the States on 10th November, 1992 (the “Waterfront”).”*

The Board of Directors are therefore operating the Company in accordance with the States approved Articles of Association, which includes promotion activity relating to the development of the Waterfront area.

The issue to which the Deputy refers is therefore an entirely operational matter for the Company, and for reasons of commercial sensitivity and confidentiality, it is not appropriate to distribute contracts WEB has with its contractors.