## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY SENATOR F. du H. LE GRESLEY ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2011

## Question

As the Minister with political accountability for the States of Jersey Development Company Limited would he provide States Members with a progress report on the projects known as 'Westwater' and 'Zephyrus'?

Has the Minister, in conjunction with Jersey Property Holdings, considered the site of Zephyrus as suitable for office accommodation for use by the States rather than for the construction of more apartments and, if not, why not?

Would the Minister outline whether there are requests from some States Departments to occupy space at Maritime House on La Route du Port Elizabeth and can he advise if building work is scheduled, and budgeted for, to provide new office space above the Elizabeth Terminal for the Customs and Immigration Department?

## Answer

Westwater and Zephyrus are building projects near to the Radisson Hotel site and are administered by the States of Jersey Development Company. Westwater is in the process of a slight internal redesign and Zephyrus awaits Building Control approval from the Environment Department. As soon as the residential markets for these proposed developments show consistent signs of improvement, they will be commenced. These two sites have excellent views over St Aubin's Bay and have been designed to provide high quality apartments on the waterfront that will complement other existing residential apartment sites.

The Westwater and Zephyrus sites have not been considered for use as States offices. These are very valuable sites which are entirely inappropriate for States office use. There are a number of sites more suited to office accommodation which would provide better value to the States.

The relocation of departments to Maritime House has been considered as a way to support the vacation of the South Hill site for its future disposal. Whilst this work has been at concept stage, such a scheme would clearly be dependent on the relocation of those currently occupying Maritime House. Both Harbours and Customs and Immigration agree there may be both operational and financial benefit to co-location at the Harbour Terminal. Whilst some preliminary work has been undertaken, a full feasibility study is required before any such move could be confirmed and I expect this to begin in the very near future.