

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14th MAY 2013**

Question

Further to the receipt by Parishes of Planning and Building notices of intent to list items such as boundary stones, culverts, war memorials, Clos des Pauvres and so on, could members be told the cost to taxpayers in manpower, time and consultants in preparing the listing of such items and, given that Parishes already have a duty of care for these matters, whether this is an appropriate use of the Department's budget?

Answer

Under the terms of the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (the Granada Convention), the provisions of which were extended to Jersey in 1988, there is an obligation to maintain an inventory of the Island's architectural heritage in order that it might be statutorily protected.

This is enabled by the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002 which states that the Minister shall include on a List those buildings and places of special architectural, historical and archaeological interest. On this basis, the addition of structures of unique historical interest to this List is an entirely appropriate use of the Department of the Environment's resources in fulfilling the Island's obligation and satisfying the Minister's responsibilities under law irrespective of any 'duty of care' exercised by the owners of such structures.

Work to review the heritage value of historic roadside structures has been undertaken by Jersey Heritage as part of its service level agreement with the Minister for Planning and Environment. The value of the service level agreement, for 2013, which is published in full on the websites of both the States of Jersey and Jersey Heritage, is £69,000, a small part of which would cover the cost of assessing the heritage value of historic roadside structures. The administration of Listing is handled by the Department of the Environment the cost of which is met within the department's own budget, as published, a small part of which would cover the cost of Listing historic roadside structures.