

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2013**

Question

Would the Minister confirm that Le Squez Youth Club is due to be moved during Housing's redevelopment of Le Squez estate and, if so, would the Minister state, in light of the imminent replacement of the club roof, what future use the building is destined for and assure members that the premises are not to be refurbished only to be demolished a year or so later?

Answer

Jersey Property Holdings Maintenance has, in consultation with the Youth Service, held off undertaking the roof works until funding could be secured. Funds are now in place for 2013. The repairs to the roof of Le Squez Youth Club are essential and urgent if the youth and community activities are to continue in the property.

The roof slates have deteriorated to the point of becoming porous and are not fit for purpose. The effect of this deterioration is that water penetrates the roof slate and enters the building when it rains. This water ingress means the sports hall has to be closed to all activities until the weather improves and a clean-up operation is undertaken.

JPH Maintenance engaged a local architect to undertake the design and document submission, and has received approval to proceed with the works. The application had to conform to the Bye-Laws for energy conservation and, as a result, included the installation of insulation under the new roofing slate. This will provide an enhanced environment in the club and will assist the Youth Service in reducing energy consumption with regard to the heating and cooling of the sports hall. The project is currently out to tender and is due to start around the beginning of September 2013, lasting for approximately 10 to 12 weeks.

The relocation of the youth club building is not imminent or a certainty at this stage. Discussions will continue with Housing about how the school and youth club integrate into their redevelopment. However, it is likely that, due to its proximity to the school, the youth project building will remain an asset of the States of Jersey. The investment in the building is therefore justified for both the short and long term and will help improve what the Youth Service can offer young people in the Le Squez area.