

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2014**

Question

Will the Minister provide a list of all the publicly accessible outdoor basketball courts in the island, as well as who can use them, whether they are single use, or multi-purpose, and by whom they are administered?

Will the Minister provide an estimate for the cost of building a new outdoor basketball court, and advise whether he believes it would be appropriate to provide such a facility at Les Quennevais Playing Fields.

Answer

There are currently multi-purpose outdoor courts, which include basketball facilities, located at Highlands College, Fort Regent and the Millennium Town Park. They are all open to the public and are free of charge. Those at Fort Regent and Highlands are administered by Education Sport and Culture and the Town Park facility is administered by Transport and Technical Services. Currently, there are no public outdoor courts dedicated solely to basketball.

As part of the 'Fit for the Future' sport strategy, the outdoor facilities for ball games at Les Quennevais are being upgraded. The hockey facility is being regenerated and the public tennis courts will be resurfaced. Two of the public netball/tennis courts will be converted to accommodate football and basketball, making them multi-purpose. The project has already begun and is due to be completed by the end of November 2014. Converting the two courts with new surface, lights, fencing and posts is costing approximately £84,000.

Building an entirely new court would require a site with planning permission and the cost would probably be in excess of £100,000.