WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY C.S. ALVES OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2018

Question

Will the Minister -

- (a) list any buildings, and their addresses, under States of Jersey ownership which have not been occupied or utilised for over a year;
- (b) state when any such building were last in use; and
- (c) state what ongoing costs, if any, are associated with any such buildings?

Answer

There are a total of 22 buildings, or in two cases substantial parts of buildings, across 13 sites that have been unoccupied for over a year. There are a variety of reasons for the properties being unoccupied, which include:

- Vacation prior to demolition or redevelopment
- Vacated for refurbishment or maintenance works
- Void properties awaiting re-use by States departments or re-letting to a third party

The property details, including addresses, are not made public, because it is deemed that its disclosure could lead to the properties in question being targeted by criminals and becoming the targets of vandalism.

These vacant buildings have incurred a combination of maintenance and refurbishment works costs associated with bringing them back into usable order or ensuring they are safe and secure until they are redeveloped or demolished.

In addition, there are holding costs including parish rates, inspection and utility costs.

I would be happy to meet with the Deputy to provide her with information on the specific properties.