

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019**

Question

Will the Assistant Minister consider, and actively pursue, the development of a permanent site in central St. Helier for weekend outdoor live music to be performed, in order to promote events such as that in the Royal Square on Saturday 28th September 2019 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Corn Riots?

Answer

This is something that the Assistant Minister will be actively pursuing. However, there are a number of questions that need to be answered first.

The Public Entertainment Panel license events in order to ensure that appropriate public safety measures and insurance are in place, as well as wider safety considerations including those relating to environmental health and health and safety.

The challenge is who would be responsible for ensuring that all events are run safely under a P.49 Entertainment Licence – the Parish, the Arts Centre, who currently undertake the process, or a private organisation.

The Assistant Minister has been in dialogue with the previous Town Centre Manager to identify designated and visible sites for busking, such as in other cities, perhaps with access to power. He will continue to liaise on this matter. He has also been approached by some business owners at Wests Centre with a view to getting a permanent stage there. As this is in private ownership, he will be looking at options and consulting with the owners and merchants in the area.