

**STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 123/2006**  
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Shadow Minister for Housing Charles Bruzon has tabled a wide range of questions on housing and buildings and works issues for the Government to answer at House of Assembly question-time which starts this Friday.

Mr Bruzon will ask the Government a number of questions about Alameda Estate. He will want the Government to state if it is aware of the dilapidated state of some of the external window seals, balconies and walls of Ross House. On the same estate, Mr Bruzon will ask whether the Government is aware of the dangerous state of disrepair of the overhead walkway linking Red Sands Road to Ross House and Red Sands Road to Red Sands House.

In relation to Rosia Court, Mr Bruzon has tabled a question in order to determine whether control over the management company has now been passed on to the owners. He will also want to know whether the sale of No.10 Rosia Court has now been completed.

The Opposition Housing Spokesman will also ask the Government to say how many empty Government dwellings are presently refurbished or in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment. Mr Bruzon has also tabled a question to establish how many Government tenants are currently listed as requiring work to be done in their homes by the Housing Department as landlords.

The Government will be asked by Mr Bruzon to state since the policy inviting anonymous phone

calls on the non-use of Government rented dwellings was introduced on 14 December 2005, how many phone calls have been received and in how many cases the information received was correct.

Mr Bruzon will ask a series of questions on the medical and social categories of persons waiting for a Government flat. He wants Government to say how many pre-war housing units have been allocated, to date, since the answer to a previous question, and to say how many applicants on the housing waiting list are medically recommended, with a breakdown of their medical category.

On social matters, Mr Bruzon will ask the Government to state if it has given any consideration to the granting of a free bus pass to the blind, and if so, what has been the outcome. He also wants Government to state how many persons were in receipt of a disability allowance under the social assistance arrangements from June to September of this year.

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