

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 34/2007
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The Opposition has received a number of complaints from members of the public regarding inadequate fresh water supply for general use in the cemetery.

It is deplorable that after the many years and not inconsiderable pressure that has been applied on the Government to upgrade the cemetery, that they have still not got the basics right once the refurbishment is under way.

It was Mother's Day on Sunday and the cemetery was packed with a large number of people who wanted to pay their respects to their loved ones. Many people take fresh flowers and place them in a vase or a pot next to the graves where their relatives are buried.

It has been common practice over the years for these visitors to avail themselves of fresh water for the container in which they intend to place the flowers. Many were surprised to find that there was no supply of fresh water for the general public at the weekend. The Opposition understands from other users that the supply has been intermittent for quite some time.

A second problem which has been brought to the attention of the Opposition is the fact that the toilets at the cemetery are closed and have been closed for weeks.

The Opposition considers that those who visit the graves of their deceased relatives, who are elderly themselves in many cases, should be able to do so with some dignity and without the inconvenience that is being caused.

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