

## **STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION**

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Shadow Minister for Housing, Elderly Care and the Family Charles Bruzon will ask Government whether there has been any change in the estimated completion date of Bayview Terraces, Cumberland Terraces and Nelson's View during question-time in Parliament next week. This is the second opportunity this year that the Opposition have been given to question the Government.

Mr Bruzon has tabled nearly 50 questions on a wide range of issues. He will ask the Government to state what the estimated dates for completion are for the various phases of Waterport Terraces, and also wants to know if the estimated completion date for "Albert Risso" House for senior citizens is still March 2008.

The Opposition Housing spokesman will ask Government to confirm that the allocation of flats at their new proposed rental estate to persons on the housing waiting list was done by the housing allocation committee in accordance with the provisions of the housing allocation scheme. Also on the subject of the proposed rental estate, Mr Bruzon wants the Government to provide a breakdown of the letters issued to persons on the housing waiting lists allocating them a home there, giving the total number of letters issued and the numbers for each size of accommodation.

Mr Bruzon will also quiz the Government on their policy in dealing with requests from persons who had

intended to purchase accommodation within one of the Government's home ownership schemes, but have been unable to complete the purchase, to be reinstated in the housing waiting list for rental accommodation. The Shadow Housing Minister has tabled a series of questions to monitor housing allocations, reposessions and waiting lists.

Mr Bruzon will ask Government to state the length of time that the scaffolding at Rosia House has been in place and what is the expense to date that has been incurred.

In his capacity as Shadow Minister for the Elderly, Mr Bruzon will ask Government to state what is the provision for respite care that is available in people's homes, in cases where circumstances do not permit the requesting party to be adequately catered for within the Government facility. He will also want to know what level of domiciliary care is currently being offered to elderly people, stating how many hours of care per week each person receives.

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