

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

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Shadow Minister for Housing Charles Bruzon has tabled 55 questions for the Government to answer at the meeting of Parliament which starts next week. Mr Bruzon will press the Government on the completion dates for Waterport Terraces, Albert Risso House, Nelson's View, Cumberland Terraces and Bayview.

The Opposition housing spokesman will also ask Government to say how many flats will become empty when Waterport Terraces purchasers who are currently occupying a Government flat move into their new homes. Mr Bruzon will also want to establish how many Government dwellings are currently empty with no work being done in them at present. He will also ask Government to say how many Government dwellings are currently in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment.

Charles Bruzon wants the Government to state whether they have now identified another site for the outstanding balance of 210 rental flats that are not now scheduled to be constructed opposite HMS Rooke and if so where. In relation to the same project, Mr Bruzon has also tabled a question asking the Government to list the names of the five companies who submitted a tender for the construction of the proposed new rental estate. He will also ask Government to confirm that the contract for the construction of the new estate, which would signal the commencement of work, has now been signed.

The Shadow Housing Minister has tabled a series of questions designed to monitor the state of the different housing waiting lists, including the pre-list, the main list, the social list and the medical list. Mr Bruzon will also want to know how many cases of applications for housing from homeless persons are currently being dealt with by the housing department.

On other matters, Mr Bruzon will press Government to say how many homes have been allocated to applicants other than by the housing allocation committee since the implementation of the new Housing Act 2007. He will also seek to establish whether the tenancies at the Rialto Building in Turnbull's Lane continue to be subject to rent control under the new Housing Act as they were under the previous legislation.

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