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Shadow Minister for Housing Charles Bruzon will press the Government on the delays to Waterport Terraces when Parliament meets for questions next week. This is only the second time this year that the Opposition will have an opportunity to question the Government.

Mr Bruzon will also ask the Government to give Parliament the current estimated dates for completion of the various phases of Waterport Terraces and he will separately ask for an explanation for the delays. The Opposition spokesman has also tabled a series of questions on Cumberland Terraces, Nelson's View and Bayview Terraces. He will want to know the estimated completion date in respect of each of these projects and will also ask Government to state if they are aware of any problems that exist concerning the construction of any of the three home ownership schemes that are likely to cause a delay in completion. On the same subject, Mr Bruzon will ask the Government to say whether they have decided to allow OEM to takeover some of the projects it was previously involved in and if so which ones.

In relation to the new housing rental development at Rooke, Mr Bruzon will quiz the Government on what clauses or conditions regarding delays in completion have been included in the contract signed recently

with the contractor. He will also want Government to give the commencement and the completion dates agreed in connection with this project.

The Shadow Housing Minister will also want to know how many Government tenants are currently listed as requiring work done to their homes by the housing department as landlords. He will also push Government to state what plans are in place to carry out external repairs to Governor's Meadow House and Red Sands House. Mr Bruzon has also tabled a question to establish how many completed jobs under the incentive bonus scheme within the Buildings and Works Department are still awaiting payment.

In his capacity as Shadow Minister for the Elderly, Mr Bruzon will ask the Government to state what consideration they have given to the placing of awnings outside residents' rooms in Mount Alvernia where there are none at present.

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