

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

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Shadow Minister for Housing Charles Bruzon will press the Government to give details of the state of play in connection with the construction of the three home ownership schemes in the south district. Mr Bruzon has tabled 56 questions for the Government to answer at the meeting of Parliament with starts on Monday.

Continuing with the former OEM projects in the south district, Mr Bruzon will ask Government to state the estimated date of completion of Bayview Terraces, Cumberland Terraces and Nelson's View. He will also want to know what has happened to the balance of 77 flats in the south district projects which is required to bring the total to the constructed total of 408. The Opposition housing spokesman will also want Government to state the criteria in order to qualify for the purchase of a flat within the Government's home ownership scheme in the south district.

In relation to Waterport Terraces, Mr Bruzon will ask the Government how many flats are still awaiting completion, as well as the estimated completion date of Albert Risso House. Mr Bruzon will also ask how many flats will become available for applicants on the housing waiting list when senior citizens who had a flat allocated to them at Albert Risso House move into their new homes. He will also want to know if any intending purchaser at Waterport Terraces has withdrawn and if so how many. Mr Bruzon will also query whether there is a reserve list for the purchase of a flat at Waterport Terraces and will want to know how many people are on the list.

Also on housing matters, Charles Bruzon will press Government to state what the estimated date of completion is in connection with the installation of the new lifts at Constitution and Referendum House and will ask whether Government is aware of the major cracks and missing masonry in the supporting pillars of the tower blocks. He has also tabled questions on the missing or inaccessible fire-fighting equipment in the tower blocks and will point out that there are staircase emergency lights in Referendum House that are not working and some have loose fittings.

The Shadow Housing Minister will raise a number of questions on the housing waiting lists and will want to know how many cases of applications for housing from homeless persons are currently being dealt with by the Housing Department. Mr Bruzon will also quiz the Government on the number of cases competed and still pending before the housing tribunal.

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