

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

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Shadow Minister for Housing Charles Bruzon will ask Government to say how many flats are still awaiting completion at Waterport Terraces at the meeting of Parliament which opens next week. Mr Bruzon has tabled 52 questions for the Government to answer.

Mr Bruzon will also press the Government on the completion dates for Albert Risso House and the three housing projects in the south district, Cumberland Terraces, Nelson's View and Bay View. He will also want to know, with regard to the latter three projects, how many persons are currently listed as applicants on the reserve list for the purchase of a flat at each of these developments. Mr Bruzon has also tabled a question to establish how many more Government flats have become available because Waterport Terraces purchasers have moved into their new homes.

The Opposition Housing spokesman will ask Government to state what the current estimated date of completion is for the installation of the remaining new lift at Referendum House. He will also seek to establish when the Housing Ministry plans to complete the work of painting the entrance area and stairways of Constitution House and will ask for the cost of the scaffolding at Maidstone House.

Mr Bruzon is also set to probe the work of the housing tribunal. He will ask how many cases it has dealt with and completed and how many the tribunal is currently dealing with. He will also request details of meetings of the Housing Allocation Committee and wants to know how many flats have been directly allocated to applicants by the Chief Minister or the Minister for Housing.

The Shadow Housing Minister has tabled a series of questions on the different housing waiting lists, including those for medical and social cases. He will ask Government to say how many flats are currently in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment and will want to know how many persons have been reinstated in the housing waiting list because of a genuine inability to complete the purchase within any of the Government's home ownership schemes.

Mr Bruzon will also want Government to say how many cases of applications for housing from homeless persons are currently being dealt with. He will want to know how many flats are currently empty at Bishop Canilla House.

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