

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY LESTER QUERPEL**

Question 1

Can you tell me please if any members of your committee have visited the Aztec Centre at Hougue du Pommier recently, to see 'first hand', what an amazing job entrepreneur Rob Jones and his team have done there and what an incredible beneficial influence the centre is having on our community?

Response 1

The Committee's responsibilities include that that it should advise the States and to develop and implement policies on matters relating to its purpose, including those relating to sport, leisure and recreation. Via Active 8: A Plan for Sport, the Committee has a 10-year strategy the key objectives of which are:

1. Encourage more islanders to be more active, more often
2. Inspire all generations to get 'Active for Life'
3. Use sport and physical activity to improve health, mental health and well-being
4. Maintain, develop and improve accessible facilities
5. Support the provision of safe and secure Club environments
6. Make accessible open spaces
7. Support high performance athletes
8. Inspire community engagement through volunteering

The aim of the Plan is to work with partners inside and outside of government to change lives for the better - with an overarching aspiration that **everyone**, regardless of age, background or ability level, has the opportunity and pathway available to them to be active and participate in sport at whatever level they wish to excel at.

The Committee is grateful to the many partners who, through generous benefactors and donations of money, other resources and their time, contribute to the rich and diverse sporting offer within our community.

Deputy Cameron is the Committee's representative for sport, and he and other members of the Committee have seen first-hand the facilities provided at the Aztech Centre. The Committee is familiar with the good work that goes on at the Centre, and at other sporting venues across the island, to encourage and facilitate participation from a very wide range of

islanders of all ages and abilities. In particular the Committee is grateful for the creativity of those behind these organisations for continuing to find creative ways to remove financial barriers to participation, so that as many people as possible can find ways to be active.

Question 2

If the answer is 'no', then please can you tell me why members of ESC haven't visited the centre?

Response 2

Please see the reply to question 1.

Question 3

If the answer is 'yes,' then can you please tell me what the reaction was?

Response 3

As is the case with a number of sporting and recreational facilities provided in the island, the Committee is impressed by the quality of the facilities on offer at the Aztech Centre and applauds those whose vision and generosity has brought it into being.