

QUESTION NO 4

By Councillor Buchan to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 16 September 2010

Question (1) How many statutory orders were made in each of the following years?

- * 2005
- * 2006
- * 2007
- * 2008
- * 2009
- * 2010 (up to 1st August)

Question (2) How many statutory orders in the following years were reported to the Council by people not resident or having an ownership interest in the property they affect?

- * 2005
- * 2006
- * 2007
- * 2008
- * 2009
- * 2010 (up to 1st August)

Question (3) What are the values of the statutory orders issued in the following years?

- * 2005
- * 2006
- * 2007
- * 2008
- * 2009
- * 2010 (up to 1st August)

Question (4) What is current cost the Council has underwritten with respect to ongoing orders and unpaid debts?

- Question** (5) What is the average administration cost levied on a statutory notice as a percentage of contract value?
- Question** (6) What is the cost of the Council's Statutory Order team per annum?
- Question** (7) When was the last contractor framework for building services used in the Statutory Order process awarded and what criteria were used in this process?
- Question** (8) How are the prices for contractors reviewed on a regular basis and what allowance in pricing is made to reflect fluctuations in prices during recessionary periods?
- Question** (9) Why does the Council accept work estimates from contractors for roofing repairs where those undertaking the estimation process have been noted as not having accessed the roofs in question and have only undertaken a survey from the ground?
- Question** (10) In tenement properties, the deliberate neglect of one unit within a stair can lead to works that require a Statutory Order. In these cases, the costs are then shared equally to all owners. Does the Convener consider this a flaw in the process and if so, will he lobby for a change in legislation to close this loophole?