

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Buchan to be
answered by the Leader of the
Council at a meeting of the Council
on 19 August 2010**

Question

Given that the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena (EICA) currently requires an approximate £650,000 subsidy to operate, can the Leader of the Council confirm:

1. if she considers this level of subsidy sustainable in the current economic circumstances;
2. if her Administration has any objections in principle to alternative business models being introduced to secure the operation of the EICA; and
3. if she and Councillor Brock would be willing to chair discussions with private organisations and Edinburgh Leisure to identify how the EICA could be operated on a partnership basis between the public and private sector to ensure the centre remains open, whilst also reducing the level of public subsidy.