

Question No: 60

Question: Coconut Grove Holiday Apartments

Date: 13/08/91

Member: Mr LANHUPUY

To: MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. Did the Coconut Grove Holiday Apartments at 144-146 Dick Ward Drive comply with the building code as stipulated at the time of settlement for sale on 29 April 1991.
2. Has the requirement for the Coconut Grove Holiday Apartments to comply with the building code as stipulated been waived subsequent to 29 April 1991.
3. Why has the previous practice of allowing persons authorised by the registered proprietor of a property to physically view building board files been altered.
4. Were the Coconut Gove Holiday Apartments permitted to operate as a motel when the building board approval was for 2 sets of flats at the premises on 144-146 Dick Ward Drive; if so why.

ANSWER

1. No. As the result of an application for a status report on the buildings by Crowe Hardy, Solicitors, the unauthorised division of the approved units into twice as many units was revealed. The solicitors were subsequently advised accordingly on 30 November 1990.
2. No. An Unauthorised Building Advice was served on the Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited on 15 April 1991.
3. The practice of access to files has been modified to ensure that correspondence of a sensitive nature held on government files, which is not the property of the land owners, such as internal memos and third party correspondence, is not released. Owners and their agents still have access to all technical material and, where extenuating circumstances exist, requests for greater access will be considered by arrangement.
4. No. An application has been received by the Planning Authority to use the site as a motel and it is currently being processed.