

Item no 5.7

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Rose for answer by the Deputy Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 24 November 2016

Clarification of declared ownership of India Buildings

On 10th November at the budget consultation event in the City Chambers a question was asked about the disposal of Council property and, in particular, India Buildings. A member of the public stated that India Buildings had been sold by the Council.

In response, you stated, "As we speak just now, India Buildings is still in Council ownership. That is a fact."

An enquiry to the Property and Facilities Management Department by me on 11th November received the following written reply:

"India Buildings is not in Council ownership. It is owned by Jansons who are under offer to buy the adjoining land (11/15 Victoria Street), the gap site on Cowgate to the rear of the Central Library) from us to undertake a hotel development across both sites."

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| Question | (1) Who currently owns India Buildings (1-4 Victoria Street)? |
| Answer | (1) |
| Question | (2) Subject to (1) please clarify if and when it was sold and the sequence of any offers/sale over the last 10 years. |
| Answer | (2) |
| Question | (3) Please include any information which might clarify the circumstances for the questioner on 10 th November. |
| Answer | (3) |