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LAND VALUATION OFFICE GOES PAPERLESS 1

Land valuation office goes paperless

Lieutenant-Colonel David Burch, the Minister of Public Works, updated MPs on the Department of Land Valuation this morning in the House of Assembly.

Colonel Burch told MPs that the department had been one of the first to become a paperless office, and no longer maintains a physical filing system, which was completed in 2018.

This feature also applies to documenting “pertinent verbal discussions”, he said, which proved valuable in legal matters, and there is now “zero risk” of losing files.

The department’s filing cabinets have been removed and distributed elsewhere in government, freeing up 10 per cent of its office floor space. Four tonnes of paper were taken away.

Colonel Burch said the 2020 valuation list, undertaken every five years, would cover 36,000 units. With property values declining overall, and some falling more than others, he said the exercise would “re-level the playing field”. The list is to be published on December 31, 2020.

It will be the last valuation in which paper survey forms will be issued, the minister added.