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**3 Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the reclamation site at La Collette: (OQ.274/2019)**

Will the Minister inform the Assembly how long it will be before the reclamation site at La Collette is at capacity?

**Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour (The Minister for Infrastructure):**

It is not possible to accurately calculate the exact amount of time that the La Collette site has before it is full. We are currently estimating that, on a present infill rate, the site will have 18 to 24 months before the remaining void space for inert waste is full. My officers and I are proactively working on a plan to extend the life of the facility and I hope to be in a position to announce more details in the near future. The contaminated inert waste, we have in excess of 5 years of void space in a form of engineered containment cells.

**3.3.1 The Deputy of St. Martin:**

The Minister will be aware that the next infill site after La Collette is destined to be La Gigoulande quarry at St. Mary, but also that Jersey Water have recently identified the site as the next potential reservoir. Does the Minister agree with me that La Gigoulande would not only be comparatively easy and excellent, but an obvious site for the storage of Jersey's water in the future?

**Deputy K.C. Lewis:**

Yes. The Island Plan and waste mineral strategy will assist in identifying future sites for inert waste disposal. There are not many sites on the Island that offer the required size, or environmental containment, required for inert waste. Disposal sites such as La Gigoulande may be better repurposed for other activities. Such sites as La Crête quarry may be technically difficult to develop, or too small to be financially viable, but we will be examining many sites on the Island and the benefits and opportunities that are preferred, or coastal land reclamation may also be a possibility.

**3.3.2 The Deputy of St. Martin:**

Members and the Minister will be aware of recent incidents at the Waterfront where the Horizon site polluted the sea. Can the Minister assure the Assembly categorically that no such pollution will be occurring at La Collette?

**Deputy K.C. Lewis:**

Absolutely. It is a private development, it is on the Waterfront at the moment, but we will take every endeavour to make sure that there is no pollution, whatsoever, into the sea, leaching, or otherwise, into the sea.