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3.3 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the Lido at Havre des Pas (OQ.122/2024)

Will the Minister advise what progress, if any, has been made regarding the delivery of a project to refurbish the Lido at Havre des Pas, as included in the Government Plan 2024-2027?

Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I thank the Deputy for his question. Work has been carried out on the electrical safety and following the recent fire risk assessment conducted by fire safety consultants and as recommended in their report, the following works will be undertaken over the next 3 weeks. Upgrade of the fire detection and warning system, clear and up-to-date fire safety signage, additional emergency lighting, kitchen fire suppression system and fire extinguisher replacement. As mentioned at the last States sitting, our focus is on statutory requirements in the first place, that work continues and the cost of these works will be £51,000. A feasibility study on the delivery of the Lido externals is scheduled to be completed next week and this will assess the best approach for remedial works on the cracking northern staircase tower and a full Lido external redecoration with an estimated cost of £350,000.

3.3.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:

When it comes to refurbishing - and I thank the Minister for his answer - the Lido complex, how does the Minister measure the wider social and economic benefit to the Island of this investment? Does he think that the wider return justifies what he recently described as a cost to his department?

The Connétable of St. John:

The Lido is just one of the Island's assets. The balance that we have in maintaining those assets is clearly a difficult one. We have to maintain our assets and we have to do that in a timely manner when we have the funds available. We will continue to make sure that our statute requirements on all of our properties are met first and foremost.

Deputy D.J. Warr:

I am not sure I got the question answered about how does he measure the wider social and economic benefit to the Island.

The Bailiff:

I am not sure I heard an answer to that part of the question. Are you able to deal with that, Minister?

The Connétable of St. John:

As I said, we have many assets across the Island and our focus is on the statutory requirements in the first place. Thank you.

The Bailiff:

That is the answer then.

3.3.2 Deputy I. Gardiner:

Apologies, I missed the list of the things that will be done to the Lido and Havre des Pas area, would the Minister advise if the maintenance, cleaning and refurbishment of the children's pool is on that list?

The Connétable of St. John:

The cleaning works, I think I mentioned in the last States sitting that we were scrubbing more frequently to try and prevent trips and falls.

3.3.3 Deputy I. Gardiner:

Does the Minister consider that the children's pool requires more than cleaning, it requires refurbishing to ensure safety of swimming for children?

The Bailiff:

I will take that as a supplemental question. It is not a general exchange but a supplemental question to that end.

The Connétable of St. John:

At the moment, our focus is on the building. Firstly, the safety within the building, then making sure that the building is as good as it can be. I will ask officers for an update at our Ministerial on Thursday in reference to the pool.

3.3.4 Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South:

I appreciate the Minister saying that he is taking the statutory parts of the responsibility for Lido seriously. With that, will the Minister confirm that the tenant will be issued notice when all works are being taken, in writing and in advance?

The Connétable of St. John:

I believe that we are obliged to do that with all of our tenants, to advise them of when we are doing planned works, and the only time we would not do that is in an emergency.

3.3.5 Deputy T.A. Coles:

The tenant of the Lido has said to his constituency representatives that he has known representatives from Property Holdings attending their licensed premises without notice. Will the Minister please ensure that the notice is provided within the required timeframe?

The Connétable of St. John:

I am not sure of the details, but I will certainly look at that and make sure that happens.

The Bailiff:

Finally supplementary, Deputy Warr?

Deputy D.J. Warr:

No, thank you.