

2.2 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement of the Chief Minister regarding the Managing Director of the Waterfront Enterprise Board:

Would the Chief Minister state whether he continues to have confidence in the Managing Director of the Waterfront Enterprise Board.

Senator F.H. Walker (The Chief Minister):

The answer is yes I do.

2.2.1 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:

Can the Chief Minister then confirm that he was satisfied with the situation this Assembly found itself in during and following the debate on the Waterfront because was that not a result of the information supplied by the Managing Director?

Senator F.H. Walker:

Yes, Sir, I have already made reference to that on more than one occasion in this House and at public meetings elsewhere. There was an issue with the Managing Director of W.E.B. (Waterfront Enterprise Board). He did not give me the information he should have done at that time for which he has since apologised. But the reason I can say I retain confidence in him is because he has done, in my estimation, a thoroughly good job in the work that W.E.B. has put in to the preparation of the Masterplan for the Waterfront. His contribution has been significant. It continues to be significant. I would prefer to judge him on his continuing work on behalf of the Island in that respect than on one, albeit serious, slip.

2.2.2 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier:

We have not heard or at least I have not heard any news yet about the position of the Chairman in respect of these recent developments. Could the Chief Minister update us please?

Senator F.H. Walker:

Discussions are continuing. I would hope to be in a position to inform Members of the planned position in the very near future.

2.2.3 Deputy S.C. Ferguson of St. Brelade:

I wonder if the Chief Minister could tell us who in fact owns the copyright of the Masterplan to the Waterfront?

Senator F.H. Walker:

It is not a question that would normally be directed to me but my understanding is that the copyright to the Masterplan is owned by the Minister for Planning and Environment on behalf of the States.

2.2.4 Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier:

Yes, Sir, I am interested to hear the words "planned position" with respect to the Chairman of the Waterfront Enterprise Board. Was the Minister not instructed to inform W.E.B. that the Chairman was sacked forthwith?

Senator F.H. Walker:

The Deputy has misunderstood my answer. The Chairman has gone. There is no question about that. I interpreted the question of Deputy Le Claire as being what is happening next and who will be the next Chairman of W.E.B. to which I do not yet have an answer, but the previous Chairman has left the office.

Deputy G.P. Southern:

All is clarity.

