

**2.15 Deputy K.C. Lewis of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the repairs to the breach in the south coast sea wall:**

Would the Minister inform Members when the repairs to the breach in the south coast sea wall will be complete?

**Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):**

In very broad terms, this week. The only major piece of outstanding work is the delivery of ...

**The Bailiff:**

Sorry, Deputy. I will have to ask you to pause for one moment. I understand ...

**Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:**

I thought this was the most fascinating question of the bunch.

**The Bailiff:**

I am sure Members will want to come back to listen to your reply. May I send out a plea to Members in the precinct, please, to return to their seats?

**Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:**

For the benefit of those Members who may not have heard, the bulk of the works will be completed this week. We are simply waiting on the arrival of some replacement coping stones which have been ordered via a subcontractor from France but I am expecting them, as I say, to arrive this week. There will be an ongoing element of work running through the summer, though, which will involve 2 small mobile scaffolds and they will be carrying out patch-pointing of the cement work along the sea wall from West Park to First Tower.

**2.15.1 Deputy S. Power:**

Can the Minister confirm that some of the large granite capping stones that he has just referred to that were dislodged in the March storm were damaged and that is the reason why new capping stones were made in France and were to be fitted in the last few days?

**Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:**

The Deputy is exactly right. In fact, 40 metres worth of coping stones were damaged beyond repair and that is why we have had to seek replacements.

**2.15.2 Deputy K.C. Lewis:**

Whilst I congratulate the Department of Transport and Technical Services on their speedy working and repairs on the sea wall, first with large sandbags and then with permanent repairs, can the Minister confirm or deny that blocks of granite were removed and/or stolen and the circumstances behind this?

**Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:**

I can neither confirm nor deny.