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4.4 Deputy M. Tadier of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the disused Fort Regent swimming pool:

Will the Minister state whether there has been any consideration given, or any approaches made, with a view to making the disused swimming pool area at Fort Regent into a temporary skate park; if not, why not and, if so, will the Minister give details?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean (The Minister for Treasury and Resources):

If I may, I would ask my Assistant Minister, Deputy Noel, to take this question. He has responsibility for the area.

Deputy M. Tadier

I do normally ask for the Minister for Treasury and Resources to answer the questions, and that is a standing position, but clearly for expedience in this case I will make an exception.

Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence (Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources - rapporteur):

That is very kind of Deputy Tadier but I do believe that he is misinformed that it is a standing request.

Deputy M. Tadier:

I have the email. I am not misinforming anyone. I can dig the emails out and circulate them. But, as I have said, for expedience I am happy for the Assistant Minister who was not elected by this Assembly to do the job of the Minister for Treasury and Resources to answer that question under delegated responsibilities.

Deputy E.J. Noel:

There has been no recent consideration given or approaches made with regard to making the disused swimming pool area at Fort Regent into a temporary skate park. The disused pool area is in a significant state of disrepair and is awaiting demolition. The building is boarded up to keep it safe and secure and, as such, it is not appropriate for temporary use of any sort. Any proposals for the redevelopment of the pool for demolition and alternative use will require a planning application that details an alternative use. The Rediscovering Fort Regent project has proposed a provision of permanent beginner, intermediate and advanced skateboarding areas as part of the team/extreme sports zone to the northern end of the Fort site. This proposal is to be sited at the Snow Hill end and linked into the improved access from Snow Hill itself.

4.4.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

I thank the Minister for that information. I think that last bit of information will be positive to those who have an interest in those kind of extreme sports. Can the Minister perhaps give more detail on the planned timescale for the demolition of the swimming pool site at Fort Regent?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

The only indication I can give is that it would have to be part of ... we have taken advice on this, it would have to be part of a planning application to do so which serves up an alternative use and the alternative use would have to be funded. We are still working on that and it will be subject to funding it in the next M.T.F.P. (Medium-Term Financial Plan) and the following M.T.F.P. of the phasing of the redevelopment of Fort Regent.