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5.17 Deputy J.A. Hilton of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the investigation of sites for the new hospital:

Would the Minister confirm whether People's Park is the only new site the department is assessing as a possible location for the new hospital in addition to the 3 shortlisted sites included in the Atkins report on the strategic outline case published in May 2013? Thank you.

Senator A.K.F. Green (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

A quick answer to that: yes, it is the only new site. There have been other new sites that have come forward but failed the initial tests at the first fence, so it is the only new site being considered.

5.17.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

Can the Minister confirm whether or not a campaign is already being planned for the promotion of People's Park as a preferred site for the hospital, and if so, is that being done with ministerial support?

Senator A.K.F. Green:

Once we have a very clear understanding of the questions that were asked in relation to the People's Park site as a strong contender, whether it would come out the top one, once we have the answer to that, then we will finalise a comms plan, of course we will.

5.17.2 Deputy M. Tadier:

That was not the question though. I was asking whether or not a campaign has already been envisaged and whether preparations for that have already started, either with himself or the wider Council of Ministers.

Senator A.K.F. Green:

We are giving consideration to how we might talk to people about these sites generally that are chosen, but that is a very broad-based idea, it is not a campaign as such, and it would apply to whichever site was picked.

The Deputy Bailiff:

That brings the time for our question period to an end.