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1 Senator S.C. Ferguson of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the States' fuel contract: [1(83)]

When did the last States' fuel contract finish and when is the new one expected to be signed?

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

The States of Jersey contract for the supply and delivery of on-Island liquid fuels used in States buildings and vehicles formally ended on 30th June 2016. The ongoing tender process has been subject to delay and is now scheduled to be concluded by 28th February of this year.

4.1.1 Senator S.C. Ferguson:

Who or what has been delaying the tender?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean:

It has primarily been a result of resource issues within Treasury, largely around 2 issues. One has been the completion of the Supply Jersey project, which Members will be aware is a mammoth task to bring together centralised procurement. The second reason has been the unexpected situation around the travel review and the considerable work that that has entailed.

The Deputy Bailiff:

I am afraid my screen is not working so if anyone has any questions...final supplementary?

4.1.2 Senator S.C. Ferguson:

Can the Minister confirm absolutely categorically that the new contract will be signed by 28th February? Is it a particular part of the contract that the supplier should be able to supply all 4 types of fuel to the States?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean:

The second part of the question, first. Yes, the contract does indeed include 4 types of fuel: gas oil, kerosene, diesel and unleaded. So that is something I can confirm to be the case.

[15:00]

With regard to the signing and completion of this contract, we have said, or I made my earlier remarks, the fact that 28th February is the expected conclusion date for this contract to be signed. I have no reason to believe that would not be the case. It is also worth pointing out to Members that the delay that has happened, which is indeed regrettable, has no material impact on the public purse or services that are delivered whatsoever. The existing provider has undertaken to continue under the terms of the existing contract until the end of February.