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1 Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the construction of the new Les Quennevais School: (OQ.110/2019)

It is good to start off the new season. Will the Minister advise whether the construction of the new Les Quennevais School is on schedule for handover in September 2020 and whether the overall expenditure remains within budget?

Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour (The Minister for Infrastructure):

The new school construction at Les Quennevais is on track to complete on 31st July 2020. This will include the internal fitout and commissioning. The education function will migrate to the new building, ready for the autumn term, in September 2020. The project expenditure is currently as planned and there is no risk that the official budget will be exceeded.

4.1.1 Deputy G.J. Truscott:

I want to thank the Minister for his answer. I am pleased that things are on schedule. It seems that we are, at last, as an Island, managing to get our act together with regard to building projects because in the past often things overran and budgets were exceeded. It is quite a job that they are doing there. We have had inflation. We have had building indices going through the roof, so I believe there must have been a fair few contingencies in the budget. Can the Minister just finally confirm whether all the land purchase problems that we had with regard to Les Quennevais School have now been amicably resolved and put to bed?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

Yes, all the land purchases have been resolved to all parties' satisfaction.

The Bailiff:

We would normally come to question 2. I wonder if Members would agree, we have had a message from Deputy Tadier to say that he has had some motoring problems, which is why he has not been here for the start of the Assembly and he is on his way. He has asked that question 2 be put down the list to the end of Oral Questions. We may, or may not, get to it, so that is what I propose to do to that.