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3 Deputy K.G. Pamplin of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the lack of progress in demolishing the former Fort Regent swimming pool: [OQ.84/2019]

Will the Minister explain why the demolition of the Fort Regent swimming pool has stalled following the Ministerial Decision made on 13th July 2018; what is now the expected cost of the demolition; and when is it expected that the full removal of the pool will take place?

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

The original tender for the demolition of Fort Regent swimming pool included the demolition of the pool structure down to the pool deck and the subsequent capping off of the remaining structure. This was tendered and 4 prices were returned. Subsequent to the tender returns and before any notification was sent to tenderers, the project board determined it would likely be cheaper to do a full demolition and site clearance, rather than leaving part of the existing structure in place. Based on this decision, a new tender was prepared and re-issued to the 4 original tenderers. These tenders will be returned on 12th April and a contract awarded by early May 2019. The cost of demolition is unknown until the tenders are received.

3.3.1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

I thank the Minister for his answer. The Fort Regent pool was originally closed 16 years ago. There was a plan, there was not a plan, there was a plan, there was not a plan. It was being demolished, it was putting out to tender, it was not, it was. What on earth is going on with Fort Regent after recent developments in the media?

The Deputy Bailiff:

It is rather a more general question. I am not sure it is within the parameters of the question asked, which was specifically about the timing for the removal and the demolition. So, I do not allow that question.