

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister advise –

- (a) if he believes some major planned Government capital project may now be unaffordable;
- (b) what advice, if any, he has received from the Minister for Treasury and Resources, or Treasury officials regarding the affordability of the planned programme of capital projects;
- (c) what discussions, if any, he has had, or his department has had, with other Ministers or departments about delaying or changing capital projects that are in progress or planned;
- (d) how he proposes that capital projects are prioritised; and

provide a list of all current and planned capital programmes or projects identifying the status of each, including whether the projects have been delayed, paused, stopped, or are on track, and the current RAG (Red/Amber/Green) status for each project or programme?”

Answer

- (a) **If he believes some major planned Government capital project may now be unaffordable;**

I remain committed to delivering the current and immediately planned Capital projects and do not anticipate that these will become undeliverable or unaffordable. However, I feel it is important that our aspirations for longer term projects currently under consideration should be suitably tempered, bearing in mind the current, and foreseeable, financial climate.

Capital projects must, of course, continue to be funded efficiently, whilst providing islanders with the best quality and most cost-effective buildings and infrastructure achievable. Balancing these priorities with emerging and unforeseen requirements, the capacity of the construction sector, the vast scope of the projects, and the increased cost of living, is something that must be carefully considered.

- (b) **What advice, if any, he has received from the Minister for Treasury and Resources, or Treasury officials regarding the affordability of the planned programme of capital projects;**

I believe this series of questions stems from comments I made at a recent Scrutiny Hearing. As such, I should, perhaps, explain the background to them.

When first elected, I was surprised by the extent of the capital projects then under discussion. There appeared to have been little joined up consideration of the potential overall cost which struck me as being unrealistic.

Since that time I have been, and remain, in constant dialogue with the Minister for Treasury and Resources, and other Ministers where relevant, regarding the affordability of this, longer term,

programme of capital projects; the intention being to develop a more realistic decision making process than that which appeared to exist at the time of the most recent election.

- (c) **What discussions, if any, he has had, or his department has had, with other Ministers or departments about delaying or changing capital projects that are in progress or planned;**

Please refer to my response to the previous question. There are no plans to alter capital projects that are currently in progress or under immediate consideration.

- (d) **How he proposes that capital projects are prioritised; and**

Provide a list of all current and planned capital programmes or projects identifying the status of each, including whether the projects have been delayed, paused, stopped, or are on track, and the current RAG (Red/Amber/Green) status for each project or programme?"

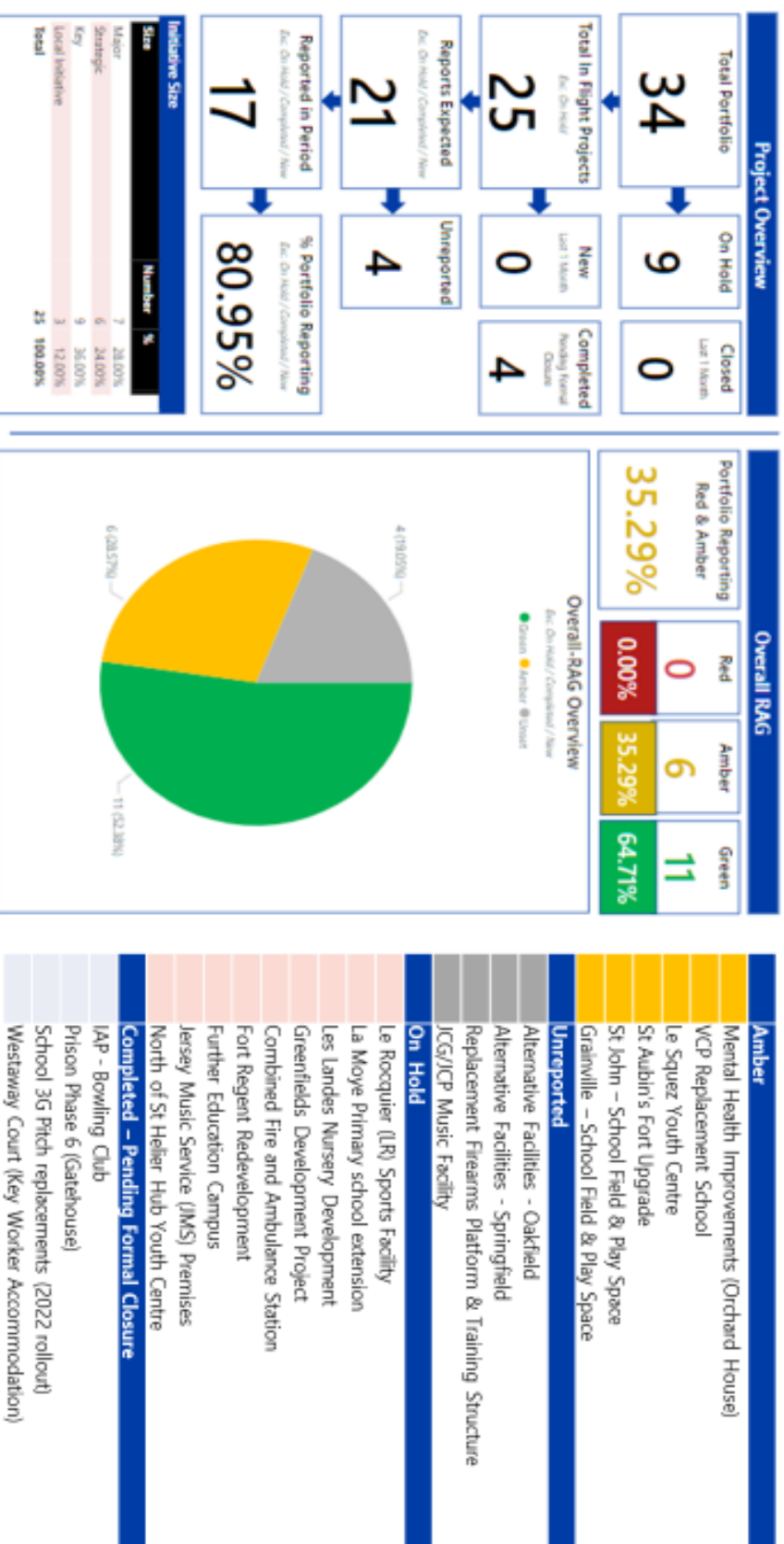
In terms of capital project priority, it is our intention to focus on developing a more concise and cohesive view of the necessary, longer term, capital projects, assessing the priority of their requirement (based on operational need) and the funding likely to be available, in order to develop a schedule and approximate timetable for their delivery.

For the avoidance of doubt, it should be stated that the Council of Ministers is a consensus body and no changes are made without discussions and agreements on the implications of any changes to the capital programme. In addition, that the New Healthcare Facilities Programme remains exactly as it has been presented since its inception.

The RAG status of projects delivered by the Infrastructure & Environment Department is set out below.



Construction Portfolio – Performance Overview





Project by Stage – Capital (Build) Framework

Preparation & Briefing	1a Initial Procurement	1b Pre-Feasibility Study	1c Feasibility Study	1d Procurement and OBC	Concept Design	Spatial Coordination	Technical Design	Building & Construction	Handover & Closure	Use & Benefit Realisation
G MEDTSC P8.2 Reinforcement of Jersey Markets	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenfields Development Project	A St John – School Field & Play Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Regent Redevelopment	G Dewberry House SARC	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Grainville – School Field & Play Space	G Prison Phase 6b (Cell block demolition)	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Facilities - Outfield	<input type="checkbox"/> School 3G Pitch replacements (2022 rollout)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A VCP Replacement School	<input type="checkbox"/> North of St Helier Hub Youth Centre	A Le Squer Youth Centre	G Jersey Opera House	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Les Landes Nursery Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Facilities - Springfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Prison Phase 6 (Gatehouse)	<input type="checkbox"/>
G Prison Phase 8 (Pre-release Unit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Le Rocquier (UR) Sports Facility	A St Aubin's Fort Upgrade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> La Moye Primary school extension	G Mont a L'Abbe (MAL) School Extension	<input type="checkbox"/> JAP - Bowling Club	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Further Education Campus	G Overdale (NHF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement Firearms Platform & Training Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Office Accommodation Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Weststavey Court (Key Worker Accommodation)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Music Service (JMS) Premises	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Mental Health Improvements (Orchard House)	<input type="checkbox"/> North of St Helier School (Rouge Boulton Site Re)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Fire and Ambulance Station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	G End Quenaut Centre (NHF)	<input type="checkbox"/> JCG/JCP Music Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>