

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th MARCH 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31st MARCH 2025**

Question

“In relation to the provision of soft play facilities being undertaken by the States of Jersey Development Company (SoJDC) on the waterfront, will the Minister, in her capacity as Shareholder Representative, advise –

- (a) what provision is being installed at the new site;
- (b) the spend to date;
- (c) the forecast spend, including land charges by SoJDC to the Government;
- (d) whether the Government will be running the facilities; and
- (e) the forecast staffing and associated costs to operate the facilities?”

Answer

- (a) The former Arcadia unit and WYSIWYG bar is being converted into a new children’s soft play facility. This is to enable the current operation at Fort Regent to be closed in readiness for the regeneration of Fort Regent. The total area of the facility is 14,251 sq.ft. The new facility will comprise a soft play area, a café and seating area for parents and guardians and a children’s party room area.
- (b) £635,143 for fit-out, compliance with health & safety and fire standards and new play equipment.
- (c) Forecast total spend is £1,300,000 (£800,000 for part b of this answer) costs and £125,000 per annum for four years for rent and service charge to commence once the facility opens.
- (d) Government will not be running the facilities.
- (e) The operation of the new Children’s play zone will be put out to tender and staffing will be the responsibility of the operator, in compliance with best practice. The lease income from the operator will be used to offset the rent, service charge and other costs incurred.