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3.12 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the Structural and Engineering Consultants and those who provided Consultancy Services for the works undertaken at the Havre des Pas Lido (OQ.41/2025):

I am flavour of the month, Sir. Further to the response to Written Question 43/2025, will the Minister provide the names of the structural and engineering consultants and those who provided consultancy services for the works undertaken at the Havre des Pas Lido and advise whether all, or any of them, are Jersey based consultants?

Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I thank the Deputy for his question. The structural engineering consultants are Hartigan, who are Jersey-based with over 40 years' experience; Mr. David Atkinson, who lives in Jersey; Pitch and Track, who are based in Jersey; and Latitude Building Consultancy, who are based in the U.K. (United Kingdom).

3.12.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:

A couple of days ago, a fire was reported in the disabled toilets at the Lido. The smoke alarm failed to go off. Can the Minister advise which consultancy service determined that the fire safety system at the Lido needed replacing at a cost to the taxpayer of tens of thousands of pounds, and check that the work had been done properly, despite there being a report dated 24th August 2024 from the fire service advising the existing alarm coverage was adequate for the use of the premises?

The Bailiff:

Deputy, I am not sure that as a supplementary that really has much to do with listing the names of the people who are employed in a certain capacity and identifying whether they are Jersey-based or not. I am afraid it is not a general question about the work done on the Lido, it is a specific ...

Deputy D.J. Warr:

In that case, Sir, could I ask which consultancy firm was used for making the recommendation on the fire system?

The Bailiff:

I think that is a legitimate question, if you are aware of the answer.

The Connétable of St. John:

I apologise; I have no idea which of those 4 companies I listed was responsible for that element of the work.

Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North:

Before I ask my question, can I raise a point of when, during the Ministers' responses, they say they will follow up with information, what is the possibility of having this information made public? Because as States Members we receive this follow-up information for our oral questions, but the public cannot see this extra information; so, would it be published?

The Bailiff:

I think the short position to that is that the undertaking to follow up is a political commitment made on the part of the Minister and it is to follow up by providing an answer, in my view, to

the person who has raised the question. On the basis, though, that if the Minister had had the information available to them so they could have answered the question and did not need to follow up - it would have been available then to the public because it would have been Hansarded and recorded in the normal way - it seems to me that unless there is a reason why that information cannot be provided, it should normally be provided in a publishable form. But I am not able to assist further, if that does assist.