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16 Deputy K.F. Morel of the Minister for the Environment regarding the anticipated building waste arising from the development of the south-west of St. Helier. (OQ.119/2021):

What assessment, if any, has been made of the quantity of building waste that would need to be removed from the site if the States of Jersey Development Company's current plans for the south-west of St. Helier came to fruition and how much of any such waste is estimated that it would be toxic?

Deputy J.H. Young (The Minister for the Environment):

The officers of the Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department have been involved in some pre-application discussions with the S.o.J.D.C. on the content of what S.o.J.D.C. call their emerging visionary framework. This is obviously a very early stage set of proposals and is out for pre-consultation as the S.P.G. (supplementary planning guidance) that I issued requires. A lot of the information is just not there and, of course, the quantities of excavation are not known. It will be for the applicant to put that information in as part of the outline planning application, which they submit will be later on this year. Of course, it will be subject to a robust waste management plan and regulatory checks and measures to avoid pollution.

3.16.1 Deputy K.F. Morel:

Given that a great deal of the site in question is known to contain toxic materials and while appreciating it is early days and it is only a vision at the moment, does the Minister not think it is suitable and, indeed, preferable that he has a strategic view of Jersey's waste demands and particularly toxic waste demands and is he not questioning why he has not been consulted on this sooner?

Deputy J.H. Young:

I think the Deputy does make some very valid questions. Obviously, as Minister who has the planning regulation to deal with, it has not been appropriate for me to be involved with what the S.o.J.D.C. are preparing, but I am quite clear in my mind, and I state this clearly: when that application comes I will be asking for a planning inquiry on it because there are lots of implications here. Now, the waste management is certainly one aspect to be looked at and, of course, that was covered in the strategy. So I think that will be an element of the various matters that will have to be taken into account in any planning decisions on what we do for this very, very important area. It is going to have big effects on everybody.

The Bailiff:

That brings this question to an end and the time for the question period also to a close. Before moving on to questions to Ministers without notice, Chief Minister, I have noted with the help of the Greffe that there has been no formal announcement of the resignation of Deputy Maçon.

[12:15]

That is a requirement to instigate any further election, so do you wish to make that announcement now?

Deputy M. Tadier:

Can I ask a point of order? It is Deputy Tadier.

The Bailiff:

Yes, Deputy.

Deputy M. Tadier:

It is just to ask if this announcement constitutes a formal statement ...

The Bailiff:

No, it is not a formal statement. It is simply ...

Deputy M. Tadier:

... it would also follow that there will be questions.

The Bailiff:

No. It is merely a formal announcement needs to be made, even though I know an informal announcement has been made. A formal announcement needs to be made to trigger the process for the ability to elect a replacement Minister. It is simply a formality but it does have to be done. But no, it is not a statement and, therefore, it does not give rise to a question period at the end of it. Very well, as I have said, then that brings the question period to an end.