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**Deputy P.F.C Ozouf of St. Saviour of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the actions taken to ensure that the wishes of the late T.B. Davis continue to be met by Government (OQ.16/2025):**

Will the Minister outline what actions are being taken to ensure that the wishes of the late T B Davis, in relation to land or buildings gifted to the people of Jersey or the States of Jersey, and any associated terms or conditions, continue to be met by Government?

**Written Answer provided in accordance with Standing Order 63(9)**

I was, like many Islanders, surprised to read about the Howard Davis Hall and the restricted access in recent times. Property Holdings took back responsibility on 1st January this year. I was contacted by a member of the family from South Africa in December, on 13th December, and they asked if a Christmas tree could be put in place and if a carol service could happen before Christmas. I have to pay tribute to the officers who did all of that and I am still recovering from the actions of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

With the hall it is our intention to have that open far more regularly for the public and to display those artefacts which are quite splendid. Some of them are being currently restored by Jersey Heritage. In terms of Howard Davis Farm, I have put the department in touch with an organisation that is looking at experimental ways of farming, some new innovative kind of things to do in Jersey. It makes sense to me that we explore whether we can use the Howard Davis Farm in the first instance rather than other land around the Island. I understand those talks are quite productive.