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13 Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding Clinique Pinel (OQ.121/2020)

Further to his response to Written Question 543/2019, will the Minister update the Assembly on the planning application made on behalf of the Health and Community Services Department for the work to be undertaken on Clinique Pinel and the surrounding area, including the provision of a place of safety and the transfer of functions from Orchard House?

Deputy K.C. Lewis (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I can confirm that planning permission has been granted to transfer the functions of Orchard House to a dedicated facility at Clinique Pinel. This will include 26 en-suite bedrooms, a place of safety, a tribunal suite, and a new staff training facility. The tender process is underway and once complete the contract will be making an application for a construction permit in order to get these works underway.

4.13.1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

I thank the Minister for his answer and it is very reassuring to hear, but can I push him further on the timeline for completion as we talked about this subject last time, there were delays and obviously including the current scenario, can he give us, to the best of his ability, a timeline now for this project?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

Yes, the essential upgrade works to the existing Orchard House were nearing completion at the point of lockdown but once the contract has secured a construction permit to resume we envisage that a further 3 to 4 weeks of time remain. The target commencement date for the works prior to lockdown was mid to late April 2020. At the point of lockdown, progress was within 2 to 3 weeks of target. This will now be exacerbated by the duration of the current lockdown or delivery of a permit, whichever is furthest.