

States Greffe: Scrutiny

Senator Lyndon Farnham Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture By email

6th October 2021

Dear Minister

EIA Panel

Review of the Government Plan 2022 - 2025

I write to you following the recently lodged P.90/2021 - Government Plan 2022 - 2025 and to inform you of the Panel's intention to look further into various projects listed therein namely:

Major Projects

- Fort Regent
- Inspiring Active Places Sports Strategy
- Elizabeth Castle

Estates

New Skateparks

CP3 - Vibrant Economy

- Heritage, Arts & Culture
- Sport division minor capital replacements
- Economic Recovery

Taking each area in turn, the Panel would be grateful if you could provide more information on the following:

Fort Regent - Recent Survey Publication

We understand you recently published the findings of your survey which was undertaken on the future of the Fort.

- Could you provide the Panel with the questions that were asked in order to arrive at the conclusions?
- Could you provide the Panel with the details of the focus groups Government engaged with during the survey and the areas of questioning provided to these groups?

- Could you provide the Panel with details on the immediate plans for Fort Regent following the results of the survey?
- What work, if any, has been undertaken to engage the services of a contractor?

<u>Inspiring Active Places – Sports Strategy</u>

We note a figure of £814,000 in total over the life of this Government plan for the Inspiring Active Places Sports Strategy.

- Do you believe this figure is adequate and will cover the project until 2024?
- Can you provide a breakdown of the projects this figure will cover?
- Could you provide the Panel with an updated timeline to show the progression of the works in the sports strategy or provide a detailed update showing key milestones, timeframes and engagement of contractor(s)?

Elizabeth Castle

We note the repair and maintenance of Elizabeth Castle is due to be carried out in 2022 and 2023.

- Do you have any alternative funding arrangements or contingencies in place should the repair and maintenance phase of the building not go as planned?
- What will the completion of development work of Elizabeth Castle involve?

Skateparks

- Can you explain why there is a net of £200,000 PoJ money allocated to the skateparks and the rationale behind this funding?
- Is this funding of £200,000 in addition to the funding that was previously approved by the States Assembly for the skateparks?
- Is the funding of £1,750 million in addition to the funding that was previously approved by the States Assembly for the skateparks?

Heritage Arts and Culture

• Can you provide further details of the projects planned for Heritage, Arts and Culture through the life of the Government plan?

Economic Recovery

• Can you give some background as to the allocation of £20,400,000 over the life of the Government Plan for 'Economic Recovery'.

It is the Panel's intention to use the responses to these questions for our upcoming Public Hearing on the Government Plan due to take place on Wednesday 14th October 2021. We apologise for the short notice but would be grateful if you could provide a response no later than **12 noon on Monday 11th October** to enable us to review the information and compile additional areas of questioning.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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