

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18th APRIL 2023**

Question

Given the delay to the completion of the refurbishment of sports facilities at Springfield Sports Stadium and the deferral of the development of new sports facilities at Oakfield Sports Centre, will the Minister –

- (a) delay, as a matter of urgency, the closure of the gym and associated sports facilities at Fort Regent, scheduled for May, until both the aforementioned developments are complete, and if not, why not;
- (b) provide a date for completion of the refurbishment of Springfield Sports Stadium;
- (c) confirm a date when the development of new sports facilities at Oakfield will commence; and
- (d) confirm that the Inspiring Active Places Strategy for the Island's future sports facilities needs remains this Government's strategy for sports infrastructure, and that over £100 million will be invested in facilities over the next 10 years, and, if not, why not?

Answer

- (a) As previously stated, the gym and fitness facilities at Fort Regent will remain open until the new replacement facilities at Springfield are complete. The sports activities will remain at Fort Regent until replacement facilities planned as an extension of Oakfield Sports Centre are complete.
- (b) The refurbishment of Springfield to create the fitness facilities will be complete and handed over to Sports Division by the end of April 2023. The date for opening is 15th May, subject to building control approval.
- (c) The contract to construct the extension of Oakfield Sport Centre has been significantly delayed due to the liquidation of Camerons. Senior officers are currently reviewing the alternative options for project delivery. The project is not likely to start construction until late Q3 or Q4 2023.
- (d) The Inspiring Active Places Strategy remains at the forefront of delivering improvements and new facilities for the Island. Currently, some of the projects within the strategy are being reviewed in light of changes to the economic and political landscape. The officer team are preparing bids for the Government Plan, the outcome of which will dictate the level of investment and which projects move to delivery.