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6 Deputy M. Tadier of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the women's toilets at Red Houses (OQ.64/2022)

Further to a site visit on 17th November 2021 regarding the installation of a handrail on the approach to the women's toilets at Red Houses, will the Minister provide an update on whether this work will be undertaken and, if so, when?

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

I can confirm that minor works to install a handrail adjacent to the sloped path leading from the pavement to the ladies' public convenience at Red Houses will be undertaken by a maintenance officer at the earliest convenience.

[10:30]

3.6.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

I do not know if the "earliest convenience" is a pun of some kind but it certainly is not the most helpful answer. It may sound like a small issue but this was raised with me by a relatively elderly lady who is somewhat infirm on her feet and she noticed there is a handrail for the men's toilets but there is not one for the women's toilets there. I was encouraged when I saw a site visit and a photograph sent to me by the officer on 17th November but I have not heard anything since. So can the Minister say whether this will occur in the next weeks, in the next months, or will it just be a case of carrying on at our convenience?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I will avoid the pun. Yes, there are disabled toilets on site with a handrail. There is a ramp leading up to the gents, which has a handrail. There is a gentle slope leading to the ladies, which at the moment does not have a handrail. There is, I believe, a flower bed and privet hedges to one side. It is a gentle slope but it has been recognised by the department that a handrail would be beneficial. The work has been authorised and should be happening hopefully within the next few weeks.