

Chief Minister



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Connétable Mike Jackson
Chairman, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel

BY EMAIL

29 October 2021

Dear Chairman,

Thank you for your letter, dated 18 October 2021.

1. It's the Panel's understanding that this project is now redundant as a result of the Family Court relocating to International House following State's approval to enter a lease contract, can you please confirm our understanding is correct?

Yes, so far as the use of Piquet House as a Family Court is concerned. The Family Court will relocate to International House in near course (on completion of the fit out) and remain there at least until the break clause in the lease. That break clause may provide an opportunity to relocate once more to a property within the Government of Jersey property portfolio provided it is deemed by the Courts to be an improvement in both facilities and public access.

2. As a result of the Family Court relocating to International House, do you anticipate that further funding will be required?

If the question relates to the Family Court in International House, then there would be no further anticipated requirement for additional funds provided that the budget for the Judicial Greffe remains at present levels.

3. The funding of £150,000 for prefeasibility work was deferred in 2021. Can you clarify whether any prefeasibility work has been undertaken, and, if so, can you provide a breakdown of the spend to date?

I am informed that feasibility works were carried out by Axis Mason and Southern Projects Limited in 2018 under instruction from Jersey Property Holdings. None of those costs were transferred to the Judicial Greffe and as a consequence none of the £150,000 funding has been utilised to date.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Le Fondré".

Senator John Le Fondré
Chief Minister