WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022

Question

"Will the Minister advise what current plans, if any, there are for the development of Springfield Stadium and the long-term financial support for the Jersey Bulls football team?"

Answer

Part (a) – the current plans, if any, there are for the development of Springfield Stadium

As part of the Inspiring Active Places strategy, Springfield Stadium is currently being refurbished and redeveloped. This work entails new changing rooms, fitness and spin studios, and gymnasium. This work will facilitate the decant of sport from Fort Regent.

In addition to the works above, new perimeter fencing works have been completed this summer to improve the spectator provision at the Stadium. This project (circa £1.2m of spend) will allow Jersey Bulls to progress through the leagues for the foreseeable future in line with their stated ambitions.

Part (b) - the long-term financial support for the Jersey Bulls football team

The former Assistant Minister met Jersey Bulls previously to ascertain and understand their plans and ambitions for the future. The former Assistant Minister with responsibility for Sport requested further detail on their longer-term vision for the club.

The government is awaiting receipt of this information before further decisions can be considered. The Minister for Sport is due to meet with Jersey Bulls in the coming weeks as part of her schedule of introductory meetings.