2.6 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture regarding the replacement of cladding at Le Rocquier School:

Members will note this question has been redirected. I had originally directed it to the Treasury Minister, Sir, as it was he who had made the application. Would the Minister inform Members whether the recent planning application for replacement of cladding at Le Rocquier School relates to the newly built parts and, if so, why the work is necessary, who will be paying for it, and what the cost will be?

Senator M.E. Vibert (The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture):

Perhaps I can explain why I am answering rather than the Treasury Minister. It is because Education, Sport and Culture is the principal funder for Le Rocquier School. Property Holdings, which come under the Treasury, were acting as the agent and project manager for E.S.C. Of course, the majority of capital budgets are now directly managed by Property Holdings but in the case of Le Rocquier, the budget still remains with my department as the project was initiated before the establishment of Property Holdings. That said, in reply to Deputy Baudain's question as to whether the cladding relates to the newly built parts, the answer is no. The recent planning application does not relate to the newly built parts of Le Rocquier School. The application relates to the existing sports hall where it is planned to refurbish the entrance and stairwell, replace cladding on the front elevation to improve heat retention, replace the existing boilers and install a multi-fitness room to meet the curriculum requirement for a fitness facility. The work will be paid for by Education, Sport and Culture from the project budget for the redevelopment of Le Rocquier School. The cost of carrying out all this work is estimated at £335,000 and it is provided for within the project budget.

2.6.1 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:

Is there any particular reason why this work was not carried out at the time that the rebuild was undertaken? Would it not have been more economical to have done it at the same time while workmen were on site?

Senator M.E. Vibert:

No, Sir, we had to use the sports hall and keep using it for a multitude of purposes while the new build was going on and therefore this had to be carried out at this time.

2.6.2 The Connétable of St. Helier:

Is it the Minister's intention to bring to States Members a post-completion report of any kind assessing the out-turn cost and the various other costs that have been involved in the project?

Senator M.E. Vibert:

Sorry, Sir, I was distracted. Could the Constable repeat the question, please?

The Connétable of St. Helier:

Yes, Sir, I was asking the Minister whether he plans to bring to the attention of States Members' and the public, a report into the Le Rocquier School project, complete with the costings and other add-ons that have been required?

Senator M.E. Vibert:

I am uncertain about what report the Constable is referring to. All capital projects have a report done on them and I am quite happy for any States Member to look at that report when it is completed.