

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**

Question

“Further to my written question of 20th April 2010, in relation to scaffolding at a building in La Motte Street, when the Minister stated that one of the problems delaying the removal of the scaffolding was the death of the owner, would the Minister state if he has information regarding the ownership of the building and, if so, disclose this to members?”

Would the Minister further advise whether the detrimental effect of the scaffolding to other businesses in the vicinity has featured in his department's discussions with the owners of the property and outline what pressures, if any, can be applied to bring ensure that the scaffolding is removed as swiftly as possible?”

Answer

I can confirm the building is now owned by Barclays Bank PLC.

I am informed that the company is sympathetic to the concerns of the other business in the vicinity and that it has indicated a willingness to take all reasonable steps to progress the matter without undue delay. Indeed, steps have already been taken to appoint a firm of structural engineers to survey the building with a view to putting forward options that would allow the scaffolding to be removed. It is anticipated a decision will be made on those options within the next few weeks.

In the unlikely event that the owner fails to take steps to remove the scaffolding within a reasonable timescale there are provisions in the Planning and Building Law available that could be used to expedite the matter.