

3.2 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement of the Chief Minister regarding instructions given to Waterfront Enterprise Board (WEB):

Would the Chief Minister advise Members what instructions, if any, he has given to the Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited with regard to its involvement in developing the St. Helier waterfront, apart from the recently published advice regarding public statements?

Senator F.H. Walker (The Chief Minister):

No, I have not given the Waterfront Enterprise Board any instructions with regard to its development of the St. Helier waterfront. With regard to the recently published advice regarding public statements, this took the form of a memorandum of understanding that was mutually agreed by myself and the chairman of WEB (Waterfront Enterprise Board). I have made it clear to WEB that they should deliver on the objectives for the waterfront that were set by the Policy and Resources Committee and which are drawn from the States Strategic Plan 2005-2010 which was approved by the States on 29th June 2004.

3.2.1 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:

The Chief Minister refers to the Strategic Plan in 2004. If I could take him back to the P.156 of 1995, Sir, the Waterfront was supposed to be designed in consultation with the Planning Committee. Would he not agree that it is high time that the Waterfront Enterprise Board came back to the States Assembly with a new plan? Because we have had the plan agreed under MAP number 392; we have had the 2000 Plan. It seems to me things have moved so far from those agreed designs that it is time it came back to the Assembly for approval.

Senator F.H. Walker:

The Waterfront Enterprise Board is currently awaiting of course decisions from the Planning Minister on secondary planning guidance, which is the matter of considerable public consultation and debate. And the Waterfront Enterprise Board have made numerous presentations and held numerous fora, to which States Members have been invited and which many have attended, outlining their schemes for the future. I believe the overall scheme for the waterfront is well known, although of course there are many decisions yet to be taken on individual schemes which have not yet either been the subject of planning application or of course planning approval.

3.2.2 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:

Coming back to my previous question, Sir, does the Chief Minister not believe that a debate in this House over a new plan, seeing it has moved from the 1992 Plan to the 2000 Plan to, well, I am certainly not quite sure where we are now, would help in clearing the air and enabling people to understand precisely what is proposed for that area.

Senator F.H. Walker:

That may well be the case and I will agree to discuss that with the Council of Ministers and in particular the Planning Minister.

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:

I thank the Minister for his reply.