WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY D.J. WARR OF ST. HELIER SOUTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024

Question

"Will the Minister advise how much has been spent on maintaining the existing fire service and ambulance headquarters in the last 5 years, and state when a decision will be made to build new facilities at Rouge Bouillon?"

Answer

The total spend on maintaining the existing ambulance headquarters in the last five full budget years has been £222,364, broken down as follows:

Ambulance Headquarters	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Planned Maintenance	£2,748	£2,395	£4,055	£4,433	£6,795	£20,426
Reactive Maintenance	£3,810	£23,567	£35,535	£56,730	£82,296	£201,938
Total	£6,558	£25,962	£39,590	£61,163	£89,091	£222,364

A condition survey was undertaken in 2022 and sets out the phased program of works to the current building to maintain its operational capability. As part of the States approval of the 2023-2026 Govt Plan, £1.7m was allocated to Infrastructure & Environment to enable Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) to undertake the necessary works, commencing in 2024-2027.

The Jersey Fire and Rescue Headquarters at both Town and West have previously been managed and maintained by Jersey Home Affairs Department directly. This means that the total spend on maintaining the existing Fire Service headquarters in the last 5 years has been, from a Jersey Property Holdings perspective, nil cost.

However, as part of the Island Estate Strategy 2021-35, the Jersey Property Holdings team has now consolidated the Town and Western HQ back into JPH as per the Corporate Landlord Model. As of 1 January 2024, JPH will now be responsible for the maintenance and reactive aspects of the buildings in line with our corporate service level agreement.

A detailed briefing is being scheduled with the relevant Ministers on the project to replace the current Fire and Ambulance stations with new facilities, whilst also providing additional space for the Rouge Bouillon Primary school for its redevelopment.

The briefing will be led by senior officers to provide Ministers with the detailed analysis and evidence base for discussion to agree a viable solution that ensures all needs are met and which provides a clear direction on the future of the Rouge Bouillon site.

It is expected that a decision will be made on the future new facilities at Rouge Bouillon by the end of July 2024.