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3.11 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the schedule of materials maintained by Jersey Property Holdings: (OQ.211/2024)

Will the Minister clarify how the schedule of materials used for each property maintained by Jersey Property Holdings is determined?

Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I thank the Deputy for his question. Due to the diverse range and complexity of projects undertaken by the department, the approach to determining material specifications is tailored to the specific risks and complexities associated with each project.

3.11.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:

It has been brought to my attention by the manufacturers of a yellow paint recently applied to the steps outside of the Lido, Havre Des Pas, it is not recommended for use in an environment where the paint is submerged in salt water on a regular basis. I understand that this specification is written by a London-based consultancy firm, whom in the written answer to WQ.405 the Minister described as having extensive experience in building, surveying, conditions assessments, defect analysis, remedial actions, *et cetera*. Can the Minister advise who determined that this was an appropriate paint and how Jersey Property Holdings intend to rectify the situation? Does the Minister think his department are getting value for money from this organisation given his comments that, and I quote: "It was a conscious decision to seek best value for the taxpayer."

The Connétable of St. John:

With respect, I cannot be expected to know what type of paint is being used on each property. The fact that the Deputy has brought this to my attention, I am happy to take that away. The answer to the Written Question was based on factual information. It is a reputable company. If they have made an error, I shall seek that out and I will come back to the Deputy and Members.