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Deputy D. J. Warr of St. Helier South of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding scaffolding the Lido at Havre des Pas (OQ.4/2025):

Further to his response to Oral Question 241/2024, will the Minister advise whether the total cost for scaffolding at the Lido at Havre des Pas remains £14,996.50 as a one off sum, or is this now a monthly charge?

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

I thank the Deputy for his question. I find myself in the regrettable position where I still do not currently have the final sum to give an accurate answer to the Deputy. In December I gave in good faith a figure of £14,996.50 as a fixed charge for the scaffold on the western wall of the Lido. Providing timing and accurate information to the Assembly is paramount and that is why I am today withdrawing the figure for the Lido scaffolding I gave in December and committing to revert to Members with a full and accurate position as soon as possible. It has become clear to me during the last week that the original figure is not correct. The fixed cost of the scaffolding is significantly higher, in part to additional works that were required to meet health and safety requirements. I offer my sincere apologies to Members and the Deputy. At this time I am still working with officers to establish the full facts behind the cost of the scaffolding. Once I have this I will share it with the Deputy and Members.

3.12.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:

I appreciate the Minister's response to that question. Can the Minister advise when his department is likely to publish how the £500,000 budget is being spent or has been spent on the Havre des Pas pool?

The Connétable of St. John:

Work continues at the pool, as the Deputy is aware, and good progress is being made, clearly weather-dependent. In response to the Deputy's email to me on 10th January, I asked the Deputy if he had information that was contrary to my original answer to share that with me and I will repeat that request again today. We will publish the information as soon as it is available.