3.4 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding repairs to the Bellozanne Chimney:

Would the Minister explain why he finds it necessary to repair the Bellozanne chimney immediately prior to demolishing it and how much this exercise is going to cost?

Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

A structure such as the Bellozanne chimney requires regular maintenance inspections right up until the time it is fully decommissioned and finally demolished. A recent inspection identified small but significant defects which required the steel flues that protrude from the top of the chimney and pieces of loose concrete around the very top of the chimney to be removed. As the chimney sits within an operationally active area, it is close to the road, these defects had to be fixed as soon as possible. The works cost in the region of £39,500 and I am informed they are now complete.

3.4.1 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:

I thank the Minister for the clarification. Could he advise then that the report that remedial work was required was inaccurate and what is being done is the start of the demolition? If material is being removed then surely that is part of the demolition.

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

It was the steel flues that protrude from the top of the Bellozanne Chimney and the surrounding concrete area that was unstable. I believe part of it has been removed and the concrete has just been remediated until such time as the whole chimney will be demolished, which I believe will be early part of next year.

Deputy J.G. Reed of St. Ouen:

The Minister has just answered my question.