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Deputy D.J. Warr of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding scaffolding on the western side of the Lido at Harve des Pas (OQ.241/2024):

In relation to the recently erected scaffolding on the western side of the Lido at Havre des Pas - I am quickly saying “western side”, I am sure my geography is correct on that one - will the Minister advise the purpose of the scaffolding, whether a fixed or daily charge is being incurred, what that cost or daily rate is, and provide an anticipated date of commencement for the works?”

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

I thank the Deputy for his question. I think his geography is spot on this morning. The purpose of the scaffold is to allow safe access to the western wall to carry out remedial repairs in a safe manner while maintaining its integrity through varying weather conditions. Initially it was intended to employ rope access techniques but, given the work that is required, this was not considered appropriate in terms of safety and undertaking the work efficiently. A fixed charge of £14,996.50 is being incurred. The scaffold is due to be completed either today or tomorrow, weather permitting. This will allow works to commence shortly afterwards.

3.6.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:

Last weekend we saw Storm Darragh passing through this Island, does the Minister believe that constructing scaffolding in a highly exposed site in the depth of winter is a good use of taxpayers’ money?

The Connétable of St. John:

I do not believe there were any issues with the scaffold during the storm last week. We have a challenge, we can either do the work in the mid-summer, which would be the best time, but unfortunately it would be most unpopular with the users of the site and the tenant of the site, I should imagine, so we have to do things out of season.

3.6.2 Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North:

Would the Minister please clarify, as he mentioned it is £14,000-something as a fixed price for how long the scaffolding could be there for this price without paying extras?

The Connétable of St. John:

I do not have that date to hand but we expect the work to be completed early next year.

3.5.3 Deputy I. Gardiner:

So the Minister does not anticipate that we will need to pay extra for the scaffolding being in place for longer than expected?

The Connétable of St. John:

I do not anticipate paying extra but what we ... talking to the structural engineers and the main contractor, the cracked render on the elevation was believed to be more than initially anticipated and that is why we are using scaffold and not rope access.