2.12 Deputy J.H. Young of the Minister for Planning and Environment regarding reopening the Planning Inquiry for Plémont Holiday Village.

Will the Minister advise the Assembly whether he has decided to reopen the Planning Inquiry for Plémont Holiday Village in response to the submission he has received, and if not, advise when he intends to reply to this submission and detail his intentions regarding the Planning Obligation Agreement while he considers his decision on this submission?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel (The Minister for Planning and Environment):

I have previously advised the Deputy and the Assembly that I would be seeking legal advice in respect of the submission received and would be answering it when I had considered this advice. The legal advice was received on Friday. Consideration took place on Monday. A letter of reply has been issued late yesterday and that is as far as I can say. Discussions regarding the proposed maintenance of the landscaped areas are still ongoing and I will advise Members when the Planning Obligation Agreement has been concluded.

2.12.1 Deputy J.H. Young:

Could the Minister clarify for the Assembly whether he intends to sign the Planning Obligation Agreement he referred to before the Council for the Protection of Jersey's Heritage receive his reply to the issues that they have raised?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

I believe the stamp was placed on the letter yesterday. I am not aware of how long the letter will take to be delivered. I would hope and expect that the letter reply should be received by the submitter before I finalise any other obligation agreements. That is a normal courtesy and that is the way I intend to proceed.

2.12.2 Deputy J.H. Young:

I thank the Minister for that. The Planning Obligation Agreement to which he just referred in his previous answer, he said that that would include a transfer of land from private ownership to the States. Could he advise whether the Assembly will be receiving a Standing Order transaction under Standing Order 168 prior to that planning agreement being signed?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

I will need to be advised of that but at the moment the negotiations for the Planning Obligation Agreement have not yet been concluded. Despite my answer last time thinking that it would be a matter of a few days before these issues were concluded, it might be a matter of a slightly longer period of time.