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13 Deputy M.R. Scott of the Minister for Housing and Communities regarding the collapse of the Garenne Group (OQ.88/2023)

Will the Minister advise what investigation, if any, he has undertaken into the collapse of Garenne Group, including the impact any changes in contractual arrangement in light of market conditions between the group and social housing providers may have had?

Deputy D. Warr of St. Helier South (The Minister for Housing and Communities):

I thank the Deputy for her question. I am not aware of any investigations taking place. I understand that the circumstances leading to the collapse of the Garenne Group were very specific rather than sectorial. To the best of my knowledge, I understand that the largest contractual exposure for social housing related to the Andium Homes project at Cyril Le Marquand Court. Andium had contingency plans in place and were quick to react. In doing so, Andium was able to bring a new contractor on board within days, maintaining the continuity of employment of subcontractors, saving a significant number of jobs and ensuring that the development of the site is completed with the minimum of delay.

4.13.1 Deputy M.R. Scott:

Could the Minister advise if he is aware of any problems that were alerted to Andium by the group owing to the terms of the contractual arrangement and the change of market conditions that affected the ability of the group to perform its obligations without difficulty.

Deputy D. Warr:

I thank the Deputy for her question. I just want to clarify what the question exactly is. Is it about whether Andium knew beforehand that there was an issue? Is that the question the Deputy is asking?

Deputy M.R. Scott:

Thank you, yes. To clarify, it is whether Andium were alerted of a problem regarding the delivery of the contract in that way.

Deputy D. Warr:

To clarify that, I do not know. The answer to that would be with Andium. If the Deputy would like to direct that question to Andium, please do so.