WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY H.M. MILES OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 27th MAY 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2025

Question

"In cases where a member of the public, or a public authority, has concerns about the structural integrity or safety of a building located on private land, will the Minister advise what powers, if any, he has to compel the landowner to undertake a survey and any required remedial work?"

Answer

In instances where it appears that a building is in a dangerous condition, or is being used to carry a load or in a manner that makes it dangerous, the power to issue a dangerous building notice under Article 66 of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002 rests with the Chief Officer, not with me as Minister. Notices issued under this Article are required to specify the work needed to make the building safe, and the period in which the works must be undertaken. The Law does not provide a mechanism to compel a land owner to undertake a survey.