

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO  
THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023**

**Question**

“Will the Minister advise whether –

- (a) any applications for capital bids were submitted by Jersey Arts Centre, including for the maintenance of the building and, if so, provide details of the bids and whether they were accepted or declined; and
- (b) any work is required to the Jersey Arts Centre building and, if so, provide an outline of the work together with details of the cost, how it will be funded and when it will be completed?”

**Answer**

a) No application for a capital bid was submitted by Jersey Arts Centre Association (‘JACA’) as part of the 2024 Government Plan process.

A business case was submitted in February 2021 to the Fiscal Stimulus Fund panel for the renovation of Jersey Arts Centre at a cost of £2.96m. This followed a number of condition surveys undertaken in 2019. The bid was successful, and a tendering exercise was completed for a Project Manager/Quantity Surveyor. The initial completion date for Fiscal Stimulus Funds projects was the end of 2021, however after a request to the panel, this was extended to 30th June 2022. Despite best efforts after to secure a design team, it became apparent that it would take time to update the feasibility studies and tender for the enabling works and therefore the deadline would not be met. The project was therefore withdrawn from the Fiscal Stimulus Fund.

b) The JACA entered into a 99-year full repairing lease with the Government of Jersey in 1982. Over and above JACA’s annual revenue grant, the Association received an additional £35,000 for repair of the air handling system, through the Government’s Investment Advisory Board in 2019 and I granted JACA an additional £150,000, over and above their annual revenue grant for 2023, towards additional building works and to have the 2019 condition surveys updated. The full cost of the renovations are unknown at present.