

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019**

Question

As there was scaffolding up around the Official Analyst's building in Pier Road for several weeks for roof repairs, will the Minister explain why the exterior of the building was not painted during the same period; and will he commit that, in future, consideration will be given to undertaking such work when scaffolding is erected around public buildings in order to make the use of scaffolding more cost effective?

Answer

Prior to scaffold being erected for planned works to a building an internal department survey of condition is undertaken to identify whether additional maintenance works can be brought forward to utilise the scaffold. In many cases works are brought forward but in some cases works are not deemed necessary at the time or there are budget restraints, which require us to prioritise works. In the case of the Official Analyst's building the roof membrane and plant replacement/removal was essential to enable the internal refurbishment of the building. The internal refurbishment in this case is the priority as at present it is outdated and not fit for purpose. The internal refurbishment is being phased over three years for both funding and logistical reasons. Priority was given to the internal working environment rather than the buildings aesthetics.