WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY J. RENOUF OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

Ouestion

"In relation to Howard Davis Hall, will the Minister advise whether the expressions of interest that will be sought for the running of the Hall will include conditions to ensure it is open to the public, and will he also advise whether items that have been removed from the space, such as a painting of Howard Davis, will be reinstated?"

Answer

Howard Davis Hall has not yet been passed to Jersey Property Holdings ("JPH"). The transfer will occur on 1st January 2025. In anticipation, JPH is in the early stages of discussions with Jersey Heritage to explore possibilities for the future use of the hall. We remain committed to identifying and facilitating as many opportunities as possible for public enjoyment of the hall.

I understand that all items have been accounted for and there are several pieces of furniture, including bench seating and a selection of portraits (such as those of TB Davis, Howard Davis, and Mrs. Davis) along with war medals that have been restored and are in safekeeping. The large portrait of TB Davis, which originally hung in the hall, requires substantial restoration. The portrait is under the ownership of Jersey Heritage and, until the restoration can be arranged, the portrait remains safely stored in the island. We will look to include a story board at the hall explaining the progress of the restoration, when it is undertaken.