

2.5 Deputy S. Power of St. Brelade of the Minister for Economic Development regarding the current status of the grant from the Tourism Development Fund which was awarded to develop an adventure centre at Les Ormes, St. Brelade:

Given that Pure Adventure has been sold and is in new ownership, would the Minister inform the Assembly of the current status of the £35,000 grant from the Tourism Development Fund which was awarded to the original owners of the company in 2008 in order to develop an adventure centre at Les Ormes, St. Brelade?

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf (The Minister for Economic Development):

Last Friday my department was informed that a 50 per cent share of Pure Adventure - as it traded at Les Ormes - was sold to a new party. With immediate effect the company will operate under the name Creepy Valley Limited. The Tourism Development Fund grant of £35,000, as I think the Deputy will be aware, was made to the Bosdet Foundation and not to Pure Adventure. The grant was to cover preparatory work and I feel confident that the investment made by the new third party will ensure that this excellent facility will continue to benefit locals and visitors.

2.5.1 Deputy S. Power:

Could I just ask the Minister to confirm and to clarify for me that the name of the applicant for the Tourism Development Fund grant in the early part of 2008 and who was the payee?

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf:

The Deputy will recall earlier questions that I have answered on this. It is absolutely clear that the grant from the Tourism Development Fund was made by representatives of the Bosdet Foundation and it was paid, as I understand it, to the Bosdet Foundation for the ground clearance that then allowed the facility to be constructed on it. That is my understanding of the situation.