

4.7 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour of the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs regarding the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in St. Saviour (OQ.221/2025):

Further to the allocation of project funding in the Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2026-2029, will the Minister provide an update on the delivery of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in St. Saviour?

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North (The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs):

I thank the Deputy for the question. All planning and building control permissions are in place for the Sexual Assault Referral Centre. A procurement strategy has been agreed and formal tender documents have been prepared and are ready to issue. An expression of interest to local contractors will be issued in the next couple of weeks. Once the 2026 Government Plan is approved, we will be in a position to go out to tender. Allowing for the tender and approvals process to take place, it is anticipated that the works can start in February 2026.

4.7.1 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet:

I thank the Minister for her answer. I note that in the draft Budget funding for the S.A.R.C. (Sexual Assault Referral Centre) has been increased by £1.7 million in line with revised costings. Can the Minister please outline what those additional costings are?

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat:

The additional costings basically are in relation to inflation increases.

4.7.2 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter:

Given that the costs have risen but extra money has now been proposed as part of the Budget, have any efficiencies in the project been targeted as part of that process and is the project being reduced or changed in any way in light of the extra costs?

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat:

As far as I am aware, there are no changes in relation to the building.