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4.10 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding new information, provided to groups tendering to operate the Havre des Pas Lido and Swimming Pool (OQ.14/2026):

It seems a very timely question. Will the Minister detail what new information, if any, has been provided to those groups tendering to operate the Havre des Pas Lido and Swimming Pool; and will he explain what actions have been taken to provide assurance that any issues arising from the previous tender process will not be repeated?

The Connétable of St. John (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I thank the Deputy for his question. I will remind Deputy Warr and Members that I have not been and continue not to be involved in the detailed operational aspects of the expressions of interest process. I do understand that the Deputy himself has attended one of the private meetings that was hosted by Jersey Business with the Love our Lido group. But I do not know in what capacity attended or the details of that meeting. I am, therefore, not aware of the detail of any information requested. But Jersey Business have confirmed to me this morning that they have provided details of both costs and planning to the 2 parties. I have said previously that lessons have been learnt and, in my view, future expressions of interest would be better served if they were seen through from start to finish by an independent panel.

4.10.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:

What steps have Government taken to ensure this asset will be maintained and improved for future generations?

The Connétable of St. John:

As I mentioned in a previous answer, the swimming pool is open, people are using it each and every day. I have asked Jersey Business to oversee the process, and I think that is best left to them. I was prompted to write a response to a recent letter in the *Jersey Evening Post*. It is more than a little disappointing that one of the members of Love our Lido group, and indeed a proposed governor, repeatedly write comments publicly that recent events around Love our Lido is corruption at its very worst. The most recent occasion was as recent as the end of last week, while discussions continue with Jersey Business. These comments have been made repeatedly, including after Jurat Olsen's review and again following the recent Petty Debts Court judgment. Is that potential charity governor now saying that our court system is corrupt? If so, I would expect them to have some evidence of such a claim.

Deputy D.J. Warr:

Was my question answered after that speech? My question was what steps has Government taken to ensure that asset will be maintained and approved for future generations? I do not believe the Constable has answered that question.

The Bailiff:

Yes, do you want to respond to that part of the question, Minister?

The Connétable of St. John:

The premises are open, they are being serviced daily. The toilets and the changing rooms are being serviced every day.

4.10.2 Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade:

Following on from that, I am wondering if it is worth the Government re-emphasising to the public and for visitors' benefit that the pool itself is very much open, that the tide is still coming in twice a day and that the water in the pool and the lido is getting replenished twice a day and that there are many other eateries in the area, cafés, restaurants and you can also bring a flask of hot tea and use the facilities there if you want to. That message may have been lost in all of the furore.

The Connétable of St. John:

I am happy to do so. I think the Deputy forgot to say that the sun rises and sets. I should say that ahead of the Christmas swim we offered to provide power so that people could heat water and make tea and coffee but that suggestion was declined by the Jersey Swimming Club.

The Bailiff:

Final supplementary, Deputy Warr.

Deputy D.J. Warr:

No, thank you, Sir.