WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY CONNÉTABLE OF ST. HELIER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2026

Question

"Further to his response to Oral Question 58/2026 on 14th July 2026, regarding the Victoria Marine Lake, will the Minister advise –

(a) what assessments and works, if any, have been completed since that response;
(b) for each restoration or remediation option assessed, including full restoration of the walls and sluice gates to retain water safely, the latest estimates of capital costs, annual maintenance costs, an expected lifespan, to include any additional costs attributable to the structure's listed status; and
(c) the funding proposed for the site for the period 2027 to 2030, including a breakdown of funding allocated to safety measures?"

Answer

(a) Assessments were carried out by a local civil engineering firm that confirmed a void had formed under the wall and was growing, in spite of previous repair works. Works were undertaken to highlight the risks of swimming near the dangerous structure.

(b) Options Considered

1 Fill Existing Void with Mass Concrete: temporary stabilisation to prevent further deterioration in the short term and does not provide a safe swimming facility. Cost: £15,000

2 Create a Controlled Breach in the Wall, creates a safe environment, preserves elements of the structure for future repair. Cost: £55,000

3 Full repair. This was the subject of a defeated amendment to the Budget 2026 – 2029 (States Assembly | P.70/2025 Amd.(22).) which sought £600,000 for repairs and £60,000 annual maintenance funding based on an assessment at the time.

4 Expected lifespan is difficult to assess but a comprehensive repair programme of £315k was undertaken in 2014, £35k was spent in 2019 £65k was spent in Nov-Jan 2025 and the wall continues to be undermined and compromised.

It is difficult to assess additional costs due to listed status as work is commissioned on the basis of a listed structure.

(c) There is currently no agreed programme, scope of works or costed delivery plan for the pool. Safety work continues to be focused on prevention of use of the facility and is carried out as required to ensure that the visual warnings remain effective.