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Dear Deputy Inder

**Rule 14 Questions**

Further to your Rule 14 Questions received on 12 February 2018 submitted under the provisions of Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, please find enclosed my Answers to those questions.

A copy of the Questions and my Answers has been sent to the Presiding Officer of the States and HM Greffier and a copy has been deposited at the Greffe in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14. I have also enclosed a copy of the Question and Answer here for your information.

Yours sincerely



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**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE *FOR THE*  
ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE  
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE  
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY NEIL INDER**

**Question 1**

What is the breakdown of the costs of the works conducted in the summer of 2017 related to the remedial work of panels 5 and 6, including any design or consultancy work?

**Answer**

The cost of the concrete and grout pours during the summer of 2017 was £20,516.45. These were initial basic measures to reinstate part of the apron and fill voids in the wall and under the apron at panels 4 and 5 and did not entail any significant design element costs. As the consultancy work was for the design of the protection of the wall, including concreting, grouting and rock armour placement, we do not have a breakdown of costs for the concrete pour. The total cost of the design was £2,000 of which a small part was for advice around the concrete solution.

**Question 2**

What is the breakdown of the costs of the works conducted in January and February of 2018 related to the temporary rock armouring?

**Answer**

The cost of the works in 2018 is estimated at £80,000. These works are ongoing and final figures will not be known until completion of the work as elements of the necessary site investigation are variable and will be part of the agreement of the final account. However, there is no indication that these works will exceed that estimated at present.

**Question 3**

As part of the winter works the excavators created a foundation for the rock armour. The excavation went through the remaining portion of the German quarried shingle bank into what looked like a loam or subsoil interspersed with pebbles. What analysis of that layer was conducted and can the Committee give an indication of depth of the substrate?

**Answer**

There is no shingle bank directly to the West of the slipway – there is mobile shingle which has been shown to both collect in front of the wall for periods, and also be

completely absent from in front of the wall for periods – photographic evidence of this is available. A toe trench (rather than foundation) was excavated for the rock armour. The excavation was through sand with weathered rock being encountered at the base of the excavation. There was no need to analyse the material encountered and this was not done.

Excavations for the temporary rock armour in front of panels 4, 5 and 6 were to a maximum depth of 0.5m above Guernsey Datum.

Planned site investigations and samples have been taken on the landward side of the Anti-Tank Wall and at specific locations on the beach. This is to determine the layers of geological strata present in order to further understand the properties of the substrate to provide additional information to refine the proposed groyne designs.

#### ***Question 4***

Did the Committee consult with the Planning Department for consent to for the summer 2017 works and what was their response?

#### **Answer**

The concrete repairs to the holes and cracks in the wall and toe opposite the kiosk were not discussed with the Development & Planning Authority (DPA). This was maintenance work and therefore exempt under The Land Planning and Development (Exemptions) Ordinance, 2007, Class 5 (11) Coastal Defences.

#### ***Question 5***

Did the Committee consult with the Planning Department for consent to for the winter 2018 works and what was their response?

#### **Answer**

The DPA was consulted prior to the winter 2018 works on the proposals for the protective boulder armour at the wall opposite the kiosk. The boulder armour was recommended to protect this section of the wall from storm damage. As this was a protective feature for the existing wall the DPA considered it was exempt under Class 5 (11) Coastal Defences. The DPA has also publically confirmed this.

#### **Question 6**

When will the Full Planning Application be submitted for the final works?

#### **Answer**

A Planning application will be submitted once the final design work has been completed. It is hoped this will be by early summer.

**Question 7**

There is every likelihood that an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required for the final works. Does the Committee have an indication of the likely cost of the EIA and can it provide any indication as to the extent of the EIA and what it will consider?

**Answer**

As part of the planning process the Committee will be advised by the DPA, prior to planning application through a screening request, as to whether an EIA will be required and, if so, what the scope will be. The Committee is therefore unable to comment at this stage on the likelihood or otherwise of an EIA or its likely cost, extent or scope, as these are all matters for the planning process to determine.

**Date of Receipt of the Question:** 12 February 2018

**Date of Reply:** 26 February 2018