



The Scottish Parliament

Progress Report Annex B to Finance Committee letter 22 September 2003



MSP Offices

Good progress has been made on the east façade of the MSP office accommodation and significant elements of scaffolding there have been removed. Overall completion of MSP accommodation is on target for November. Discussions will start soon on how the various floors of the MSP building will be allocated.

The fit-out for MSPs' offices is also well advanced, and the next stage of work in this area will be the installation of carpets to each office.

East façade of the MSP office accommodation.

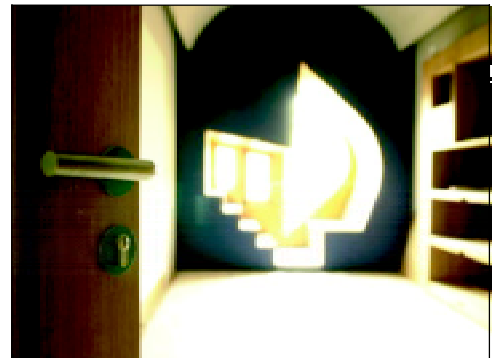
Queensberry House

The reconstruction and upgrading of Queensberry House has been a difficult process. It is now also nearing completion, with good progress being made on several fronts. The north side has now almost completely emerged from behind the scaffolding.

The August report identified problems in the design, manufacture and installation of blast doors, but the contractor is now making good progress, and these doors are now in place all across the second floor. Installation of timber floors in Queensberry House has also begun on the fourth floor. The completion of Queensberry House is scheduled for November.



Installation of timber floors on the fourth floor in Queensberry House.



MSP office interior.



Queensberry House.

Committee Towers

August's report set out Drawn Metal's difficulties with the installation of the glazing around the Committee Towers. The programme for the north lightwell requires these windows to be fitted at a rate of 12 per week, and this rate is currently being achieved in this area.

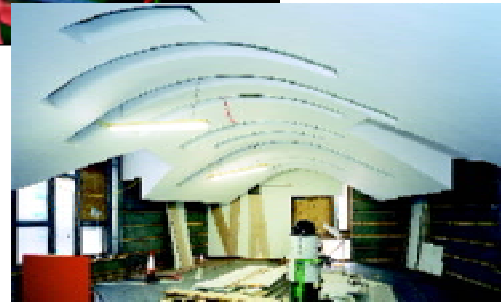
Work on all six of Holyrood's Committee Rooms is also continuing apace. Two of the elegant vaulted ceilings are already complete and timber wall panels are taking shape below.



Glazing in the elevated walkway to the Debating Chamber.



Drawn Metal staff lowering windows into place on one of the Committee Towers.



Completed vaulted ceiling in Committee Room.

Other Progress

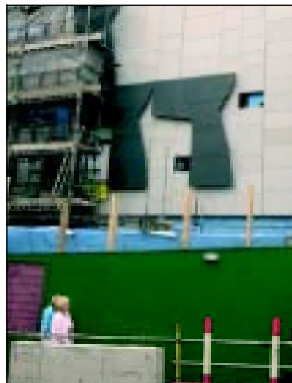
Elevated walkway: Most of the glazing has now been installed on the elevated walkway which runs between the Black and White lobby to the rear of the Chamber and Tower 3.

Canongate building: Progress to the exterior of the cantilever building on the Canongate continues. As scaffolding starts to come down from its west end, the first of the distinctive trigger panels are now visible.

Lobby rooflights: The spectacular canopy over the lobby is now at an advanced stage. Ten out of 13 leafshaped rooflights are now nearing completion, and the final glass panels are going in.

Chamber: Timber panels to the roof of the Debating Chamber are now being installed, and the oak and steel roof structure will shortly begin to be revealed.

Press tower: Partitioning and lighting installation continues. Arrangements will be made for members of the press gallery and broadcasters to see over their accommodation.



Granite trigger panels on the Canongate building.



Final pieces of glazing being installed to Lobby rooflight.