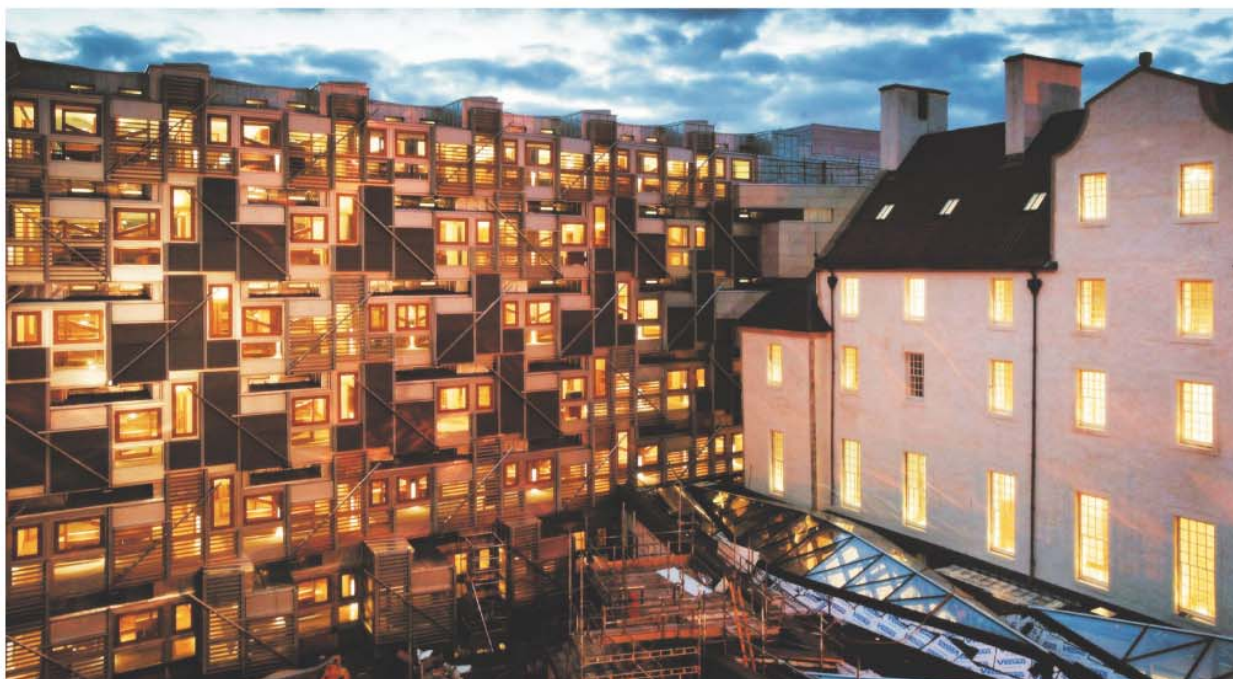




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Progress Report
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Electrical services

Final power systems are now up and running across the whole Holyrood site.

Public Entrance

Dramatic oak and glass screens have now begun to go into the public entrance below the Chamber as the first part of work on the public education, cafe, exhibition and shop facilities.



Telephone 'backbone' complete

Engineers have successfully tested the telephone system at Holyrood, making calls from the new MSP offices back to Parliament's temporary headquarters at the Mound. Completion of the phone system's 'backbone' means that 8,500 phone and data sockets are now in place along with 58km of optic fibres and 570km of copper cabling.



North Lightwell

High-level glazing work around the North Lightwell is now largely complete, and this has allowed fit-out of the basement areas around the lightwell to proceed.

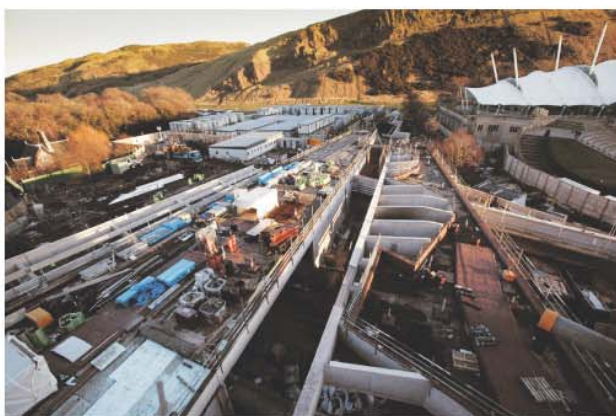
The Public Stair

The precast concrete stairs are in place; steelwork and glazing are on site and progressing satisfactorily.



Landscaping

Good progress has been made on the hard landscaping following the removal of many of the site huts last month. The shapes of the landscape 'tails' are now clearly visible as they extend out towards Arthur's Seat. The outline of the final pond in this area has also been cut.



Other Progress

- The upper pergola for the public entrance will be delivered to site before the end of February, to be welded together on site and erected early in March.
- Lettercutting work will begin shortly to the threshold stone of the Dewar Library. Work on this stone is also expected to be completed early in March.
- Following the removal of the Chamber crash deck over Christmas, work has continued in the Chamber, and the final lighting fixtures there are expected to be installed by the end of February.
- The underfloor heating pipework is complete and the screed is being laid across the lobby space between MSP offices, Queensberry House and the Committee Towers. Next month Caithness flag will be laid as the flooring.