



The Scottish Parliament

Progress Report Annex B to Finance Committee letter January 2004



The dramatic oak ceiling spans 60 metres in length and 30 metres in width.

The Chamber

A major milestone has been reached with the Chamber crash desk removed during the Christmas period, 21 days ahead of the required deadline. This was achieved by authorising £28,000 of overtime working and has enabled contractors to focus efforts on other key areas.

The floor of the Chamber is now also nearing completion. Work on internal wall linings is about to commence and building services are well underway.

Installation of the sycamore veneered glazing, the broadcast lighting, oak lining to the interior of the Chamber, carpet and timber floor finishes and the furniture will follow.

North Lightwell

This complex area has seen excellent progress since the November report. A crash deck in the North Lightwell area is being constructed to allow the installation of high level glazing. Completion is anticipated by the end of March 2004, although progress will be closely monitored.



The installation of the high level crash deck in the North Lightwell.

Public Stair

The public stair connects the entrance foyer to the public gallery of the Debating Chamber and also gives access to the Committee Rooms. It is a complicated design which has proved extremely challenging to construct, but following removal of scaffold from this area of the site, progress is now moving forward and in line with the programme.



Progress continues on the public stair.

Other Progress

- The MSP offices are complete, fully functioning and snagging is progressing well. Telephone systems are installed and working. Offices have been allocated and furniture choices are being made.
- In Queensberry House all building works are complete and snagging is at an advanced stage.
- 90% of windows in Towers 1 and 2 have been handed over for internal finishings.
- Site huts are being removed from the end of January in order to allow landscaping to commence.
- Horse Wynd was re-opened to traffic by the City Council on 4 January. Setts will be installed in 2005.



Horse Wynd

The public foyer's complex geometry is revealed offering a further glimpse of Miralles' vision.



Public Entrance

Glazing has been put in along the back wall of the public entrance hall and this area is making good progress with Caithness stone and Kemnay granite floor paving well advanced (below).



Offices in Queensberry House