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HOLYROOD BUILDING PROJECT

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MSP BUILDING

The Members' offices are complete and fully functioning, and snagging is well under way. Telephone systems are installed and working. Office space has been allocated and furniture choices are being made by Members.



Furnished MSP office

QUEENSBERRY HOUSE

The exterior of Queensberry House is nearing completion, and internally all building works



MSP building, Queensberry House and Garden Lobby

have been completed with snagging at an advanced stage.



Inside Queensberry House

Fit-out is progressing well, with carpets, oak flooring and lighting installed throughout the building, with furniture and IT equipment to follow.



Garden Lobby

GARDEN LOBBY

The scaffolding below the garden lobby roof lights has been dismantled, and the engineering and design achievements of this

complex and interesting structure can now be seen and appreciated from the Lobby area.

COMMITTEE TOWERS

Internally, fit-out is well advanced, with cellular offices, raised access flooring and partitions in place. Ninety per cent of windows in Towers 1 and 2 have been handed over for internal finishings. Some external scaffolding has been removed from Tower 1 to reveal the Kemnay granite cladding and the feature black granite 'trigger panels'.

to the structural steel frame enabling the entire Chamber structure to act as one. Each of the reinforced oak beams is supported by stainless steel connection joints (nodes) between the beams. Each of the 112 nodes has been individually designed with variable geometry which enables the beams to follow the curvature of the roof profile. The nodes were manufactured by Aberdeen-based specialist engineering firm MSD Design Ltd. Stainless steel tie rods between the beams generate the tension within the roof structure and assist in pulling all the structural elements together.



Debating Chamber ceiling beams

DEBATING CHAMBER

The 'crash deck' scaffolding in the Chamber was removed at the end of December, revealing for the first time the laminated oak beams which form the Chamber ceiling. The beams are structurally reinforced with a steel core as a consequence of the massive loads being carried by the roof structure. The structure not only supports the weight of the Chamber roof, but also connects

The oak beams span 30m at the widest point of the Chamber and 60m in length. This results in un-impinged sight lines as the floor of the Chamber is free from supporting columns. Removal of the crash deck will enable progress to be made with the installation of the sycamore veneered glazing to the west elevation, broadcast lighting, oak lining to the interior of the Chamber, carpet and oak floor finishes and finally the furniture.

PUBLIC FOYER AND STAIR

Kemnay granite flagstones have now been laid in the public foyer, and the large glazing panels are starting to be revealed. 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



Public Foyer



Public stair

challenging to construct, but following the removal of scaffold from this area of the site progress is now moving forward in line with the programme. Steel flights for the public stair are currently being installed and glazing is under way.

LANDSCAPING

Horse Wynd re-opened to vehicles on 4 January 2004. The road has been narrowed

and re-aligned and the pavements widened. There will be 6 disabled parking spaces on Horse Wynd, and granite setts will be installed in 2005 once engineers have agreed



Horse Wynd

tolerances and specifications. Site huts are being removed from the end of January to allow landscaping to commence.

UPDATE ON COST AND PROGRAMME

Completion of construction is on target for July 2004. MSPs and staff are scheduled to move into the building during the summer recess, allowing business to commence at Holyrood in September. The overall cost of the project now sits at £396.5m plus a programme contingency of £4.6m. This figure remains unchanged since it was first announced in September 2003.

PARLIAMENT BUILDING INFORMATION CENTRE

Over 28,000 people have now visited the Centre. The video which explains the design concepts of the building has been updated to



MSP Windows

include recent footage of George Reid, the Parliament's Presiding Officer, and Sir Sean Connery on a visit to the site late last year. New construction images have been added to the touchscreens and the Parliament Shop now sells cufflinks and lapel pins designed to replicate the shape of the MSP windows.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Holyrood Building Project newsletter is produced on a regular basis depending on the amount of information available. However we recognise that you may have specific questions on the project. Any queries on site related aspects of the project should be directed to Bovis Lend Lease on 0131 472 7100.

Other general queries should initially be directed to Vicky O'Donnell of the Project Team on 0131 348 6524.



Rooflights

Trigger panels on Tower 1

