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The Holyrood Building Project newsletter is aimed at residents in the Holyrood and surrounding areas. The newsletters cover a variety of topics of interest to residents, keeping you informed of developments and progress on site.

ENRIC MIRALLES

On 3 July 2000 Enric Miralles died suddenly at his home in Barcelona, after undergoing treatment for a brain tumour diagnosed earlier in the year. The partnership of EMBT/RMJM continues with the remaining 3 directors, Benedetta Tagliabue Miralles, Brian Stewart and Mick Duncan.

Enric continued to input into the design of the building right up to when the final scheme designs were approved at a joint meeting of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and the new Holyrood Progress Group on 20 June. While Enric would have continued to be closely involved in delivering the Parliament building through to completion, it was always the intention that his Scottish partners, RMJM, would be in the lead at this stage in the project.



Detail of pre-cast concrete ceiling unit

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PROJECT DIRECTOR

Alan Ezzi has recently been appointed as the new Project Director for the Holyrood building project and will take up appointment in early November. He is currently Capital Projects Director at Lothian University Hospitals NHS Trust where his responsibilities include oversight of the new Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. He has previously held a number of project management positions both in this country and abroad. Alan replaces Barbara Doig who returned to the Scottish Executive in June when her period of secondment to the Parliament ended.



Pre-cast concrete ceiling unit lowered into place

HOLYROOD PROGRESS GROUP

Following the independent review of the Holyrood Project earlier in the year by John Spencely, one of the recommendations in his report, endorsed by Parliament, was the setting up of a Progress Group to oversee the management and delivery of the project. Membership of this group, which has been in place since June, consists of Lewis Macdonald MSP, Linda Fabiani MSP and Tavish Scott MSP as well as senior civil servants and

professional members. The group meets as a whole once a fortnight, with the political members meeting more frequently.

VISITOR CENTRE

A new on site Visitor Centre will open to the public on 9 October 2000. This is situated on the ground floor of the 2 storey temporary accommodation currently occupied by the Holyrood Project Team, with a new entrance and exit created from



New Parliament Building Visitor Centre

Holyrood Road.

The exhibition charts the history of the project from the selection of the site, the competition to appoint an architect, and the development of the conceptual design through to the final plans of the building. In addition to a series of information boards and models of the building, information technology is incorporated into the exhibition, allowing visitors the opportunity to view computer generated images and videos as well as live broadcasts from the Assembly Hall. Touch screen information kiosks allow visitors to interact with these images at their leisure.

The exhibition is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Saturday, and admission is free.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

The MSP building is now clearly visible from Holyrood Road, with the pre-fabricated vaulted ceilings currently going in place for the fourth floor offices. Work on the lift shafts and the staircase at the north end of the site is now almost complete. Completion of the basic external envelope of this

building is due by January 2001.

Work is currently underway to remove the external render from Queensberry House, and archaeologists are carrying out a survey of the stonework as it is uncovered. The appointment of a works package contractor for the dewatering and reconstruction work within Queensberry House will be made shortly.

Work on the substructure for the buildings at the east end of the site, which will house the Debating Chamber and Committee Rooms, will commence later this year.

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The City of Edinburgh Council met on 6 September to consider the Amendment to the Notice of Proposed Development which was lodged in April. The amendment was approved subject to certain conditions and it is hoped that the remaining points will be cleared in the near future.



Work progressing on MSP building - September 2000

FURTHER INFORMATION

It is our intention to produce newsletters 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 this project should be directed to Bovis Construction on 0131 472 7100. Other general queries should initially be directed to Vicky O'Donnell of the Project Team on 0131 348 6524.**