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## HOLYROOD BUILDING PROJECT

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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.

### NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDING VISITOR CENTRE

Over 47,000 people have now visited the New Parliament Building Visitor Centre. Recent visitors include the Ambassadors of Estonia and Rwanda, the President of the Republic of Croatia and the President of the Icelandic Parliament.

Since the beginning of January we have also given talks about the project to groups of school children from a total of 13 primary and secondary schools, and many more have been arranged over the coming months.

Display boards in the Centre have recently been updated to include new images of the foyer space and some aerial photographs. New images will shortly be added to the book table, and new video



*Construction of Committee Towers*

footage of construction progress has been added to the touch screens. A bench, designed by Enric Miralles, is now located in the garden area in front of the Visitor Centre.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The east end of the site has seen much progress over the last few months. The steelwork which forms the floor of the Debating Chamber and the ceiling for the public foyer space below, is now taking shape. Steelwork for the next level of the Debating Chamber, where the public viewing gallery will be located, is currently being installed.



*Replacement of Queensberry House roof*

The superstructure for the Media Tower, which is connected to the Chamber, is now complete and installation of the pre-cast concrete cladding will start over the coming weeks. The main trusses which form the new cantilever building at the foot of the Canongate have also been erected over the past few weeks.

On the west side of the site the MSP building is now wind and watertight and work is under way internally on the construction of the offices for MSPs and their staff, including room partitioning

and services. External cladding work is due to begin on the west elevation within the next few weeks and the first of the feature windows, designed by Enric Miralles, will soon be installed.

Within Queensberry House walls have been strengthened and replacement concrete floors installed throughout the majority of the building. The existing roof has been removed and a new roof structure is currently under construction. The first pantiles will soon be placed on the new roof.

### ROADWORKS UPDATE

Holyrood Road closed to traffic permanently in October last year. Work is currently under way on the superstructure for a bridge which will connect



*Construction of Chamber and Committee Towers*

the building to the landscaped areas in Holyrood Park. This follows Enric Miralles' original design concept of the building 'sitting in the land', as the landscaping will extend right up to the edge of the Parliament buildings.

### 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 this 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.



*Steelwork on Debating Chamber*



*Aerial photo of site*