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## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2019

## Question

What has been the annual financial return to the States since the start of the Liberty Bus contract; and what specific projects has this money been spent on?

## Answer

The annual income, rounded to the nearest thousand pounds, from the 2013 Bus Operating Contract is received during the subsequent financial year and is set out below.

Year Income 2013 £46,000 2014 £269,000 2015 £338,000 2016 £265,000 2017 £285,000 2018 £289,000 (provisional)

This income is paid into the revenue budget of the Transport Planning section, which is responsible for the States' Sustainable Transport Policy. As the funds are received into the general revenue budgets for sustainable transport, it is not possible to disaggregate the funding contribution into individual initiatives.

Primarily, in terms of public transport, these include infrastructure projects such as the installation of waiting shelters at bus stops, improvements to walking routes, and the provision of additional pedestrian crossing facilities, all of which help to further enhance the appeal of the bus service.

The moneys are also used to support shortfalls in the funding of concessionary travel reimbursement as a consequence of the growing demand from holders of senior citizen passes.