QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 13th MAY 2003 BY DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT

Question

Would the President advise members whether the Health and Social Services Committee has any concerns regarding access by emergency ambulances to the streets of St. Helier given the number of road alterations to assist traffic flow in recent years, and, if so –

- (i) what these are and where they are occurring? and,
- (ii) what action, if any, does the Committee intend to take to address the issue?

Answer

- (i) The Committee does not have particular concern in relation to the access of emergency ambulances to the streets of St Helier. It is accepted, however, that some alterations, for instance the introduction of speed humps, may slow down an emergency response but it is also recognised that the overall benefit, in relation to road safety, is likely to override these considerations.
- (ii) As indicated in answer (i) the Committee is satisfied with the present situation. The level of co-operation and communication with the Environment and Public Services Committee and the Parish of St Helier is good. All major proposed alterations are communicated well in advance, seeking comments where applicable and I have every expectation that this practice will continue. It follows therefore that the Committee has no need to take any action.