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To whom it may concern

Further to your letter in relation to Vehicle Road Worthiness Testing, Sion Garage would like to make the following comments in response to your questions:-

- (i) In general we feel the overall impact on the business and motor industry would be a positive one. For the motor industry itself, this would of course generate more work throughout the industry and but more importantly it would ensure that all works necessary are carried out to vehicles, which in turn will guarantee road safety. All too often, people do not carry out the necessary works advised to their vehicle, which results in a number of un-roadworthy vehicles on Jersey roads.
- Example of this would be emissions control. People with engine management lights come in, diagnosed to be O2 sensor which if fitted would bring down the omissions but instead are happy to leave with the management light on rather than pay for the sensor.
- Brakes are reported as close to limits, people leave without addressing these areas even when informed of the important safety issues.
- The only implication I foresee is the lack of motor technicians on the island to be able to carry out this work as there is a severe shortage.
- At Sion Garage we have the facilities to accommodate a further technician but unfortunately without a registered licence there are only a limited number of technicians on the island with 5 year residency.
- (ii) The introduction of road worthiness testing will most definitely increase road safety.

- (iii) The cost of around £40-£60 we feel is a fair price to charge. At Sion Garage our rates are £48 per hour and during this hour we can, and do carry out full vehicle checks within this time and are able to provide the customer with a full report on the road worthiness of their vehicle.

- (iv) Our answer to whether it should be operated by the States or outsourced is that it should be outsourced or carried out by both. Many people use independent garages that they trust in to carry out works on their vehicle and the garages have history of these vehicles. If MOT's were to be introduced, and independent garages able to carry out the MOT, clients can have all the necessary works done under one roof and again with a garage of their choice.
Sion Garage are willing to incorporate this facility as we have the space required at our premises to facilitate this. The cost for this would be in the region of £40,000 for an MOT bay.

- (v) First inspection at 5 years is adequate but every 3 three years after will not ensure road worthiness. Vehicles can be made roadworthy from initial MOT test but a three year period before next inspection will not guarantee that that vehicle will be roadworthy three years later, therefore defeats the object in MOT's.
In our opinion vehicles should be MOT tested every year in line with UK guidelines.

We hope the above helps with your reviews and look forward to hearing from you soon

Kind Regards



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