

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR
TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER 2006

Question

Would the Minister –

- (a) advise members what consultation, if any, has taken place with the Parish of St. Helier regarding the latter's plans to close the road opposite the Havre des Pas Bathing Pool once a week throughout next summer?
- (b) inform members of the average traffic volume on that road during Sundays and the degree of delay or other traffic consequence that is likely to occur during periods of its closure?

Answer

- (a) I can advise members that no consultation has taken place with the Parish of St Helier regarding plans to close Havre des Pas on a weekly basis next summer as recently announced by the Connétable of St Helier .
- (b) Traffic counts carried out this summer show that approximately 750 vehicles per hour use Havre des Pa during the middle of the day. If that road was closed, this traffic would be diverted onto La Route du Foi which carries approximately 1300 vehicles per hour on a typical summer Sunday mid day period. As the combined total would therefore be over 2000 vehicles, and by comparison the weekday morning 8 to 9 a.m. flow on La Route du Fort is about 1500 vehicles, significant congestion can be expected. Furthermore, this does not take into account any scheduled or emergency roadworks which may affect that area diverting additional traffic onto an already congested carriageway.

The scheduled bus service (route 1b) will also need to be diverted. This is a popular service for tourists staying at hotels and guest houses at Havre des Pas and runs 6 outbound and 6 inbound services on Sundays in the summer.