

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 7th MARCH 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister state –

- (a) whether there will be review of the contract with the HCT Group (LibertyBus) ahead of any new tendering process and, if so, when that review will take place;
- (b) whether the Minister will be responsible for undertaking any such review or, if not, which Minister shall take responsibility; and
- (c) what tendering process will be used for any new contract?”

Amended Answer

- (a) The ‘procurement strategy’ will incorporate an internal review of the 2013 Bus Operator Contract and its fitness to meet the needs of current government policy, such as the 2019 Sustainable Transport Policy and the Carbon Neutral Strategy to ensure proper alignment of objectives. The programme for this work is at present provisional and a timescale cannot be reported at this time, forming part of a policy under development.
- (b) As Minister for Infrastructure, under the Motor Traffic Law 1935, it is my duty to commission bus services which protect and further both the short and long-term interests of bus users. In doing so, I will work in partnership with my Ministerial colleagues to ensure proper alignment with government policy objectives.
- (c) The procurement process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Government’s Financial Codes (as set out within the Public Finances Manual) and the Government of Jersey’s procurement guidelines, this work will be supported by the corporate Commercial Services Department. The process emerges from the procurement strategy, which is being worked on and as such, remains policy under development.