

STATES OF JERSEY



GREEN WASTE FROM COMMERCIAL OPERATORS: INTRODUCTION OF CHARGE (P.20/2011) – COMMENTS

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COMMENTS

The Transport and Technical Services Department does not support Deputy Le Claire's proposition to charge for commercial green waste.

The Department has worked very hard in recent years to meet the key deliverables and targets set out in the Solid Waste Strategy approved by the States in 2005. The green waste composting operation is an important form of recycling, and the Department has been successful in meeting its targets, approximately 12% of the total non-inert waste arising, which compares well with European countries. This has achieved 2 main objectives: it has provided sustainability, by recycling organic matter to the soil, and has also reduced the quantity of bio-degradable waste that has to be disposed of by incineration.

The Department believes that the introduction of any new waste charge should be based on a sound science and with the explicit purpose of bringing about a change that will benefit the environment. In this sense, the ability of the charge to raise revenue is a secondary consideration, although the re-application of such revenues to support behavioral changes is also an important function.

The Department is committed to reviewing its commercial waste disposal charges in 2011 to ensure that whatever charging mechanisms are proposed are applied with the intent of reducing the overall level of waste generated.