WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2020

Question

Will the Minister advise when air-pollution monitoring will be fully functioning across the Island; and if the roll-out is to be done in stages, will he detail the dates on which these stages will be implemented?

Answer

We are at the evaluation phase of a project that will hopefully eventually see air pollution monitoring across the Island. Government is working in partnership with AirSensa (who have kindly provided the sensors at their own expense) and Digital Jersey, to ensure that this project – which involves an entirely new area of innovation – is successfully completed.

Before the roll-out phase starts, the evaluation of the new technology has to be completed. Only when both AirSensa and Government are satisfied that the data being produced is accurate and reliable, and that the systems in place for delivering that data are fully embedded, will we begin to roll out further units and give the public access to the data online.

I recognise that progress has not been as we first hoped but it would not be appropriate to provide firm dates for the roll-out now, because the technical evaluation is still underway, but I will update the Deputy when I have firmer information.