WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HÉRISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2006

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Would the Minister inform members when the Transport Strategy will be presented to the States?

Answer

The Deputy will recall that on 31st January 2006, I made a statement to this Assembly withdrawing the Strategic Travel and Transport Plan (P.174/2005) which had been lodged by the former Environment and Public Services Committee in August last year. The Council of Ministers, in January 2006, approved that Plan as a high level framework document on which to develop some specific and detailed proposals for a number of key areas, namely buses, taxis and parking and I was charged to develop that Action Plan within the following 3 months. I regret that this timescale has been exceeded, but the Department has only a limited staff resource, which has been affected by staff illness.

However, work is progressing well and I hope that the Council of Ministers will consider the detailed plan by July at the latest. The plan will then be circulated for public consultation and also forwarded to Scrutiny for their review with the expectation that the final document, (as amended by the public and/or Scrutiny), will be lodged "au Greffe" in the last quarter of 2006.