

5.12 Deputy A.K.F. Green of St. Helier of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the removal of the charity scrap metal skip at the Bellozanne recycling site:

Could the Minister advise the Assembly whether the removal of the charity scrap metal skip at the Bellozanne recycling site is a temporary arrangement and, if so, why and when it is to be reinstated? If not, could the Minister explain why the facility has been removed?

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services)

The non-ferrous metal skip which generates proceeds for charity is still in place at the Bellozanne facility and there have been no recent changes to the operation of this service.

5.12.1 Deputy A.K.F. Green:

Recently I asked the question at the site and was told that it had been removed to provide a container for asbestos, but if this is incorrect, then I am quite happy with that answer.

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

What has changed, which may have generated some confusion, is the removal of the reuse facility which allows site users to deposit and remove reusable items. This is a temporary arrangement and, as indicated, the receptacle was needed for other uses. It was initially set up as a trial on-site and has proved very popular. As well as being reinstated as soon as possible, options are being considered to expand the service in the development for future plans on the site. In fact, the system is used in Guernsey and called a scavenging site. It would not be a great advantage to the economy of the Island, but it does circulate a lot of the rubbish that people dispose of - or perhaps treasure in other people's views - and it goes back for reuse later, so we will be bringing it back as soon as possible.

5.12.2 Deputy A.K.F. Green:

Would the Minister have to hand the amount raised per annum by the sale of the scrap metal from the charity?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

No, but I can certainly let the Deputy have that later.

5.12.3 The Deputy of St. John:

Recently we have seen in the media comments by officers from within the Minister's department re the drop-off centres. They are complaining about the rubbish being left around there and possibly having to close these at certain times. Will the Minister not be looking at closing them but policing them if need be and extending the opening hours of these and extending the number of these drop-off centres if at all possible, given the Island have signed up to recycling? Thank you.

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

Yes, I am very enthusiastic to develop the bring-bank concept and we have certainly created lots more throughout the Island over the last year. There are issues of fly-tipping, which clearly are not pleasant for those living in the locality and we are keen

to deter that, but obviously one has to monitor the situation. If there is a demand for increased bins we will provide them, but there is a balance. Policing is quite onerous from a resource point of view, so we would like to rely on the public to dispose of their recyclables in a sensible sort of manner.