WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2009

Question

"Given that since election I have only managed to find a spot within the allocated areas for States Members at Pier Road on three occasions; yet know that over that period most floors above the seventh have not once been full to even half capacity, would the Minister provide statistics illustrating up to what extent capacity at Pier Road is regularly taken.

What consideration, if any, would the Minister give to moving all Members' parking to Pier Road or Green Street?"

Answer

Pier Road is the one long stay car park in St Helier that regularly has spaces available with about 300 free spaces at 9.00am although this reduces to about 200 by 2.00pm. The spare capacity in Pier Road has been taken into account in assessing the requirement for replacement spaces when Esplanade Square is developed and will also be important when other car parks, such as Gas Place, are taken out of the parking stock, be it for a short term or longer.

Pier Road currently caters for those States members not allocated spaces in the preferred car parks of Snow Hill and Sand Street which are situated within easier reach of the States Chamber and other States offices. Green Street does not have spare capacity and is often full by 9.00am. I would have no issue with allocating all States members spaces in Pier Road, excepting for those members who have difficulty walking that distance, as it will free up valuable spaces in two very well used shoppers car parks.