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15 Senator S.Y. Mézec of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the Havre des Pas roadworks (OQ.3/2022)

What actions, if any, has the Minister taken to mitigate the disruption caused by the roadworks taking place at Havre des Pas?

Deputy K.C. Lewis (The Minister for Infrastructure):

The department planned the work in the early months of the year as traffic figures demonstrate that this is a quiet period for the road network and would have the least impact on the bus service. Officers are liaising daily with our contractor to ensure the work can be completed as efficiently and as soon as possible. I will continue to receive regular updates from the principal engineer while these works are ongoing.

3.15.1 Senator S.Y. Mézec:

Can the Minister confirm whether he is receiving much feedback from the people who live in the area or commuters who pass through it, given that there have been reports in recent days of people facing quite severe disruption and is he open to hearing from them so that they can take in that feedback and consider whether there is more that his department can do to ease some of the problems being caused by that congestion?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

Fair comment but that is already happening. We anticipated this all along. It was work that could not be put off. It was work that had to be done. There is drainage work going on. We had a model to work by. Many years ago, we had the collapse of the rock wall at Mount Bingham and that was over 3 months. Thank goodness this is going to be weeks, not months. The disruption then was quite phenomenal. Lots of people who live in St. Clement and Grouville come through Havre des Pas, over Mount Bingham and off to their work or whatever that way. But now everything has to come up La Route du Fort and through the tunnel, which is where the congestion is. It is being done in sections at Havre des Pas and it is being monitored carefully. The principal engineer is doing all he can to mitigate the disruption that is happening at the moment. We apologise for the delay but the team are working as hard as they can to mitigate that.