

2.12 Deputy M. Tadier of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the production of a feasibility study of an Island-wide kerb-side collection scheme for recycling:

Will the Minister advise what work, if any, has been undertaken to produce a feasibility study of an Island-wide kerbside collection scheme for recycling and is there any evidence that one system would be more cost-effective and efficient than up to 12 separate systems running simultaneously?

Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

Since the approval of the Solid Waste Strategy in 2005, the progress in achieving Parish kerbside recycling has been disappointing. One of the limitations to increasing Jersey's recycling rates is the complexity of implementing 12 separate kerbside schemes. We have not undertaken any feasibility in regard of the combined efficiencies and we would like to pursue this but it must have the support of the Comité des Connétables if it is to be considered.

2.12.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

So I read between the lines that the Minister seems frustrated at the lack of progress, presumably though whether any individual Parish has a kerbside scheme is up to parishioners and has nothing to do with the Minister. It is simply whether the ratepayers in that Parish want to agree. Does the Minister agree that he needs to come to a policy decision and then take that to the Comité des Connétables so that they have some joined-up thinking that can take place?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

There has been dialogue in the past, which is ongoing. Regarding kerbside recycling, St. John has paper recycling, cans, plastic bottles; St. Lawrence, paper, cardboard, cans, plastic; St. Mary, paper, cardboard, cans, plastic; Trinity, paper, cans, plastic bottles, cardboard to follow; and St. Helier, 6 per cent of the Parish has paper, cardboard, cans and plastic. St. Peter this year renewed the refuse contract and St. [Brelade](#), T.T.S. (Transport and Technical Services) is continuing to working party with Parish officials that are tasked with investigating the feasibility of implementing a household kerbside recycling scheme when the refuse contract is due for renewal in 2014, but T.T.S. supports Parishes running kerbside schemes absolutely.

2.12.2 Connétable J.L.S. Gallichan of Trinity:

Will the Minister, when he does come to the Comité des Connétables, also bring a chequebook with him?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

Absolutely... [**Laughter**] a blank cheque, yes. I think I need to bring the Minister for Treasury and Resources along with me before we do that. But the kerbside recycling is the responsibility of the Parish and they are doing an excellent job. The list I have already given to you does not include the bring-back sites which many people, including St. Saviour, have very big bin bags with local recycling points.

2.12.3 Deputy M. Tadier:

It seems to me, if I read between the lines, the Minister is saying that there is not one clear champion of recycling in the Island, that this is falling between 3 stalls, that of his Ministry, the Minister for Planning and Environment and the Comité des Connétables. Could I ask the Minister what level of cross-departmental work is going on with the Department of the Environment in order to ensure optimal systems are put in place and, bearing in mind, I would like to get the same kind of answer from the Minister for Planning and Environment, one that tallies?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I think we all are singing from the same hymn sheet with that respect, but basically everything is handled by the Parish until it gets to the T.T.S.