

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY 2007

Question

With regard to the proposed relocation of an energy from waste plant from Bellozanne to La Collette and the statement that the Jersey Electricity Company's chimney could be used, would the Minister advise members -

- (a) how many meetings have been held with the JEC to discuss sharing the chimney?
- (b) whether the JEC chimney is suitable as an energy from waste exhaust and, if so, whether that would be in its present state, or, if not, what modifications would be necessary?

Answer

- (a) There have been many meetings with the Jersey Electricity Company to discuss the use of the JEC Chimney and the shared use of the chimney has appeared on every agenda. The first meeting at which the use of the chimney was discussed was on 13 December 2005. Meetings then took place on 7 February 2006, 23 March 2006, 4 April 2006, 16 May 2006, 8 August 2006, 19 October 2006 23 November 2006 and 20 December 2006. Since the beginning of 2007 these meetings have taken place on a fortnightly basis and have included discussion of the shared use of the chimney on each occasion.
- (b) In June 2006 a detailed structural inspection was carried out to the fabric of the boiler chimney at La Collette Power Station. This inspection was carried out with the full agreement and with the support and cooperation of the Jersey Electricity Company. The inspection was carried out by Delta International under a sub-contract to the Department's Waste Strategy Projects Technical Adviser - Babbie Fichtner Limited. The inspection confirmed that the chimney was in good structural condition and therefore the Department and the JEC have progressed discussions with regard to the use of two flues of the chimney for the flue gas output from the proposed energy from waste plant. To use the chimney, new flues would be required to be fitted as the flue gas output from the energy from waste plant differs from that from the JEC power station. The flue gas pipes from the energy from waste plant would need to be connected into the base of the JEC power station chimney. A review of this requirement has been undertaken which indicates it is feasible.