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For the words "in real time (or as near as possible to real time if there are substantial cost issues with the 'real time' option)" substitute the words "as near as practicable to the real time,".

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For the words "(with published minutes) and with the consultation to include, at the least, Save our Shoreline and an expert from the United Kingdom Without Incineration Network (UKWIN)" substitute the words "with the Environment Regulator and Island-based NGOs".

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

REPORT

The Transport and Technical Services Department has always committed to releasing the emissions data from the new La Collette Energy from Waste plant. The plant has, since the beginning of the year, been in an extensive commissioning and testing process, and the over-riding priority has been to get the plant operating efficiently within the set limits.

The La Collette Energy from Waste plant is operated under the Waste Management (Jersey) Law 2005 and has a Waste Management Licence (Licence Number: WML019). The plant also has 3 separate discharge consents DP(B)2010/03/01, DP(B)2010/03/02 and DP(B)2010/03/03.

The Environment Department administers the licences, reviews the reported information and regulates against the emissions limits and licence conditions that the plant is required to work to.

Transport and Technical Services intends to publish the information that is reported to the regulator in a timely and succinct manner.

Transport and Technical Services has already shown 'Save our Shoreline' group representatives the data available from the first quarter of operation, and is happy to consult with the Environmental Regulator and locally based NGOs on the future format of published information.

Transport and Technical Services is not in favour of convening a meeting with 'United Kingdom Without Incineration' (UKWIN), as the Department cannot see the value of discussing the publication of local emissions with an outside body whose prime purpose is "campaigning for sustainable waste management and against waste incineration".

Whilst some of the gasses and temperatures are measured instantaneously, there are some that can only be sampled on a periodic basis. This sampling is undertaken by accredited professionals and the data is then referred to the Environmental Regulator under the agreed reporting structure. It is not possible to report these emissions on a real time basis.

To publish real time data on the Internet would have a significant cost implication, as the web data interfaces would have to be developed from scratch. If the data produced to comply with the Waste Management Licence requirements is published on the Internet the costs would be significantly reduced.

Financial and manpower implications

In order to comply with the La Collette Energy from Waste plant's Waste Management Licence, extensive data is compiled and collated. Publishing an agreed format of this data would have minimal cost implications.

The publishing of real time data on the Internet would require additional manpower and financial resources to develop the necessary data interfaces and data system maintenance.