

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL
SERVICES BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2013**

Question

“Could the Minister indicate what law drafting time, if any, has been put aside to review the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, specifically any reference to tractors and, if none, will he undertake to review the law, given that the size, horse power and use of such vehicles in the Island has changed dramatically and the legislation has not kept pace with these changes?”

Answer

No law drafting time has been set aside to review the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956. While reviewing the legislation has been an aim for some time, other priority commitments have precluded the required resources from being available to carry out such a review, consult as appropriate and prepare the necessary law drafting instructions.

In 2011, I chaired a group that carried out a review of the use of agricultural tractors. Unfortunately, due to resignations from the States and the elections, I am the sole surviving Member from the group. Good work was done, however, and I hope that the recommendations made by the group can be formalised and taken forward within the next 12 months.

Similarly, the Road Safety Strategy will consider aspects of driver licensing and training which if adopted will require changes to the legislation. While it is difficult to predict how significant the changes to legislation might be, I would expect that I will have to seek law drafting time to implement these changes.