

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. PETER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister state what action, if any, his department has taken to ensure that vehicle operators transport loads of loose material with an appropriate cover to prevent dust from being inhaled by the public, given that this is a known health hazard; and if no such action has been taken, will the Minister explain why not?

Answer

DVS officers carry out road checks on a regular basis in all 12 Parishes in conjunction with the States of Jersey Police and Honorary officers which cover all aspects of safety requirements including checking on the security of loads and ensuring coverings are used when appropriate.

In addition to carrying out regular road checks, my officers inspect vehicles that have been reported or brought to our attention by the Police or members of the public in this respect.

They also distribute to the Industry and the weighbridges on a regular basis leaflets marked "COVER YOUR LOAD" which state:

"An uncovered load may present both a nuisance and a danger to other road users and pedestrians. If the load has the potential to be blown or fall from the vehicle, it is an offence for which you can be prosecuted and fined up to £5,000."

Article 106 (2) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Jersey) Order states:

"The load carried by a motor vehicle or trailer shall at all times be so secured, if necessary, by a physical restraint other than its own weight, and be in such a position, that neither danger nor nuisance is likely to be caused by any person or property by reason of the load or any part thereof falling or being blown from the vehicle or by reason of any other movement of the load or any part thereof in relation to the vehicle"

My officers at DVS will continue to work closely with the States of Jersey Police and the Honorary Police to monitor and deal with any such offences.

The planned introduction of **licencing** commercial vehicle operators will further ensure that those vehicles operate in a safe and secure manner.

The Minister for Infrastructure