

2.3 Deputy S.C. Ferguson of St. Brelade of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the disposal costs of a ton of cardboard:

Can the Minister tell us the cost of burning a tonne of cardboard in the incinerator compared to shipping the same amount to the U.K. for recycling?

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye of St. Helier (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

To address the first part; burning a tonne of cardboard in an incinerator is effectively the same cost as burning a tonne of anything else in the incinerator and works out to an estimated £33.53 per tonne. Recycled cardboard, which is segregated as a higher quality, is handled for Transport and Technical Services by a contractor who deals with the handling and the shipping elements. But looking at the 2 aspects to this, the amount paid to the contractor which covers the shipping to the U.K. is £31 per tonne to which needs to be added the costs of running the reception centre and transport of the cardboard from the Bellozanne Recycling Centre to the private service operator, and that is an additional £12.50 per tonne making a total for the recycling of cardboard in the United Kingdom of £43.50 per tonne.

2.3.1 Deputy S.C. Ferguson:

Those of us who are not living and breathing incinerators perhaps are a little vague on the comparative costs of these. I wonder if the Minister could give us a list which gives comparative costs, comparing recycling to incineration.

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:

I think that list probably could be drawn up, Sir, but I regret to inform the Deputy I do not have the list in my head. But I am happy to look into that for the Deputy.

2.3.2 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement:

I was just wondering if the cost of combusting a tonne of whatever material, in that cost has the Minister included the amortisation of capital cost of plant as well as the running costs and the cost of ash disposal and all that sort of thing?

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:

I regret I did not personally do that calculation, Sir, so I cannot tell the Deputy whether amortisation of the plant has been built in or whether a straight calculation was made on the basis of the annual running costs of the plant, but I can find out.

2.3.3 Deputy C.J. Scott Warren:

Can the Minister tell Members whether he would consider the shipping of cardboard and other materials to France for recycling if this were possible and viable?

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:

Yes, Sir. Not only could the Minister consider it but this has been considered on more than one occasion and is an issue which is kept constantly under review by the relevant officials in the department who are responsible for this. Regrettably, the fact of the matter is that although the United Kingdom is a little further away I understand that the Kent plant, where the recycled cardboard is recycled into further cardboard to form the fluting element in the centre of bits of new cardboard, that operation is at a better rate than has so far been offered by Nocussard Bretagne et Normandie.

Deputy S.C. Ferguson:

I thank the Minister for his replies, Sir. I would perhaps add that I was not expecting him to have the list in his head and I will be happy to receive it.