

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2008

Question

Would the Minister advise how long his Department has been installing speed humps which combine a pedestrian crossing, approximately how many exist, and whether his Department has any safety concerns with such an arrangement?

Answer

I understand that the first 'humped crossing' was installed in Sand Street as part of the improvement works in that area in 2002. Since then, another 14 crossings have been installed, some on the same section of raised carriageway (for instance, 3 crossings at the junction of The Esplanade and Conway Street). All of these are in the central town area of St Helier.

Although some of these crossings are unlit, they are all within the town area where there is street lighting and the department has no record of any accidents on these crossings (2007 data is still awaited). Moreover, there is little doubt that the raised humps are effective at slowing down traffic speeds and the 'shared space' principle within the town environs has appeared to work very well, especially for pedestrians. Also, all but one of these crossings are on single width carriageways with traffic approaching from only one direction. Given the above, I have no specific safety concerns for those crossings currently in place.