

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 17th MAY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th MAY 2021**

Question

Following the adoption of 'Bus Service Contract: Hoppa' (P.156/2011) by the States Assembly, and the subsequent May 2021 debate on the pedestrianisation of Broad Street, will the Minister state –

- (a) the projected timescale for the introduction of the St. Helier 'Hoppa Bus', including the anticipated start date of the service;
- (b) the planned route this service will take;
- (c) the planned frequency of its operation;
- (d) the proposed times of the day for the first and last 'Hoppa Bus';
- (e) the proposed fare for travelling on the service?

Answer

- (a) Following the Government decision that a town area bus service will be implemented, officers are currently working to finalise the details of the funding solution for the duration of the trial with arrangements expected to be concluded shortly. From the point that the funding solution has been confirmed, a period of approximately five months' commissioning and mobilisation will be required until the service is running, including the lead time for the manufacture and delivery of the additional buses which will operate the service.
- (b) A provisional route has been drafted which enables buses to serve a range of destinations including the General Hospital, Library, the Markets, Arts Centre, Springfield Stadium and Millennium Park. Full details will be confirmed following liaison with key stakeholders, including the Parish of St Helier.
- (c) Assuming that this route is implemented without significant modification, the initial frequency of the new town service is envisaged to be four buses per hour, or one departure from Liberation Station every 15 minutes.
- (d) The hours of operation of the new town service provides for a first departure at 09:00 in the morning and the last departure at 18:00 in the evening.
- (e) The price for the service assumes that passenger fares for the new town service remain consistent existing LibertyBus fare structure, with transfer tickets and concessionary travel passes being valid for use.