WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2011

Ouestion

Following his response to a question on 22nd June 2010 when the Minister advised that he hoped to present an Energy Policy Green Paper to the States later that year which would provide a direction that the Island as a whole could follow to improve overall energy efficiency, will he advise when this Green Paper and the Air Quality Strategy will be tabled?

Answer

It is intended that the Energy Policy Green Paper will be released for public consultation within the first quarter of 2011. This is priority work for the Department and feedback from our stakeholders is currently being reviewed. Some of this was only received in December last year. When this is complete a Political Steering Group meeting will be convened to consider points raised and the necessary direction of travel.

The department's intention is to develop an Air Quality Action Plan. Work streams have been identified at the Political Steering Group level and it is intended to present the Planning and Environment Scrutiny Panel with a draft Action Plan in March this year. This can be reviewed and hopefully approved by the panel before the document can be taken to a wider stakeholder group. We would welcome Deputy Le Claire's involvement in this forum, and during this process would expect to finalise the identification of implementation measures.