

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2010**

**Question**

Does the Minister intend to introduce 'double decker' buses on certain routes and, if so, when and to what extent?

**Answer**

A trial of a double decker bus, to improve passenger capacity and comfort, on the No. 15 route was completed by Connex in May 2010 and a report reviewing the findings of that trial has been prepared.

An integral part of the purpose of the trial was to compare all of the options for new vehicles available for use in Jersey, including their operational flexibility, journey times, the balance of frequency against capacity, capital and operational costs.

Therefore, by way of a comparison a similar trial has just been completed by Connex in September using a 10.77m long Enviro 200 single decker, which is a larger bus than those currently used in Jersey. This has greater operational flexibility than the Double Decker, as it can be used on more routes, but also has the potential to improve comfort and to a lesser degree capacity. Connex have just completed compiling a report detailing the findings of this trial.

I will be discussing the findings of this second report and considering the relative advantages of the two different vehicles with my officers and Connex over the next month. Then, in close consultation with TTS, a final procurement decision will be made by Connex as to which vehicles or mixture of vehicles they should procure to enter into service in 2011.