## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2020

## Question

Further to my numerous written questions on this subject, most recently Written Question 54/2020, will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the technical evaluation of air pollution in the Island, and give a date for when the roll-out of real-time air pollution monitoring will take place?

## **Answer**

Since my last response to the Deputy on 4 February 2020 (WQ 54/2020), the team who were tasked with analysing the results have, since mid-March, been redeployed to assist with the Government's COVID response. This therefore means that no significant progress has been made regarding the technical evaluation of air pollution in the Island for 2020 or on the roll-out of real-time air pollution. Unfortunately, this will continue to be the case until members of the Environmental Health return to business as usual. Although I would like to give the Deputy a clearer and more definitive timeframe for delivery, I am unable to do so as I do not yet know when the team will be returning to their 'normal' roles.

However, I can confirm that the 2019 Air Quality Report is close to completion and will be made available in the coming weeks, and that our air quality monitoring has shown a 45% reduction in NOx and 44% decrease in NO2 levels following lockdown.

(http://jerseyair.ricardo-aea.com/assets/reports/Jersey\_report\_covid\_analysis.html)