

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2009**

Question

Can the Minister advise whether any thought has ever been given to using Liberation Station on Friday and Saturday nights for use as an extension to the main taxi rank at the Weighbridge and if not, why not?

Answer

The department advises that there were many discussions which took place prior to Liberation Station opening in September 2007 regarding the use of the outside stands. An extension or additional taxi rank operating on Friday and Saturday nights was one proposal and the views of interested parties, including the Police and the taxi drivers were sought. At that time, the decision was taken to maintain the main rank at the Weighbridge which is clearly well established, operates 24/7 throughout the year and is easier for policing the area. Furthermore, buses continue to operate from the outside stands up until the last bus departs which would curtail the area available for taxis.