

QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 8th JULY 2003, BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN

Question

Under the proposed draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law, could the President give details of the charge for a licence to extract water, if any?

Answer

Deputy Rondel will be aware that the draft Water Resources Law is currently undergoing a period of consultation that continues until the end of August 2003. I can confirm that the Law, at section 24 as currently drafted, does provide the Committee with the ability to recover the reasonable costs incurred in implementing it by way of charging for licences. However the detail of any such charges is not yet known as it will depend on the result of consultations with appropriate bodies that have yet to take place.

It is therefore premature to discuss such an outcome at this stage in the consultative process. I will be pleased to receive his feedback and will read carefully any written comments which the Deputy has in this regard as part of the specific purpose of circulating the draft law during this consultation period. In proper, course the matter will be brought to this Assembly for debate.