QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 24th JUNE 2003, BY DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT

Question

Would the President inform members whether the issue of access for emergency vehicles arising from road alterations around St. Helier continues to exist and, if so, whether the Committee has made any representations to the Environment and Public Services Committee in this respect?

Answer

This answer covers the States of Jersey Police and the Fire and Rescue Service.

Both emergency services have good contact with the Public Services Department and the Parish of St. Helier. However, following on from the Deputy's question in February 2003, the consultation process between the Public Services Department and the Fire and Rescue Service, in particular, has been 'tightened up', and all new proposals for St. Helier, and the Island as a whole, are now submitted to the Fire and Rescue Service for approval. A similar agreement has been reached with the Parish of St. Helier, in respect of their road calming measures.

It has consequently not been felt necessary for the Home Affairs Committee to make a formal representation to the Environment and Public Services Committee.

In my response to the Deputy's question in February 2003, I highlighted four locations in St. Helier which were causing concern to the Fire and Rescue Service. I am pleased to be able to update members on the current situation with regard to these locations:

- 1. **Corner of Grove Street and Halkett Place**: the Parish of St. Helier has included the repositioning of the bollard in their budget for 2003.
- 2. **Corner of Devonshire Place and New Street:** These bollards are due to be repositioned by the Public Services Department imminently, following test runs with their engineers and the Fire and Rescue Service Aerial Ladder Platform, which took place yesterday.
- 3. **Near top of Old St. John's Road:** The planters along the road no longer present a problem for the Fire and Rescue Service.
- 4. **Corner of Conway Street and Bond Street:** The Parish of St. Helier has been consulted over the difficulties, and the bollards will be repositioned in due course.