

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2013**

Question

Given the amount of traffic disruption caused by roadworks in recent months, would the Minister provide a list of those roads either closed or subject to traffic flow restriction as a result of roadworks so far this year, together with a brief description of the reason (e.g. JEC cable laying)?

Answer

Unfortunately the Department is unable to provide the Deputy with an exhaustive list of the individual 'streetworks' that have taken place in 2013 on TTS administered main roads, due to the large numbers involved. However, we are able to give the Deputy an accurate summation of the number and type of activities taking place.

So far in 2013 there have been 1668 separate streetwork activities in the Island of which 1113 (67%) were on main roads (which make up 37% of the road network by length). There are approximately 2500 streetwork activities per year in the Island ranging from very significant projects that require many months of TTS planning involvement to those that can be evaluated and approved in a short period. There are also emergency works when the Department receives no notice but which require reactive involvement.

Of the streetwork activities approved by TTS this year 72% were carried out during 'non-peak times' (i.e. before 7am, between 9am and 4pm or 2.30pm on school routes, or after 6pm), significantly reducing their impact on the travelling public. Only when there is absolutely no alternative or the impact can be shown to be limited does TTS permit streetworks during peak time hours. Approximately 8% of streetworks on main roads involve a road closure.

The type of streetworks occurring in 2013 on main roads can be broken down as follows:

<u>Promoter</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Type of streetwork activity</u>
Private Promoters	127	Road side works, lifting operations, tree felling etc.
C&W	10	Infrastructure upgrades, network extensions, repairs, property connections, metering programmes etc.
Jersey Electricity	153	
Jersey Gas	65	
Jersey Telecom	202	
Jersey Water	187	
Newtel	2	
TTS Drainage Section	32	
TTS Highways Section	306	Resurfacing, safety improvements, signal upgrades, patch repairs, line marking etc.

On-going streetwork projects of strategic importance to the Island include:

- TTS Highway Section's resurfacing and upgrade of its 'Class 1 & 2' road network (incl. Gloucester St, La Rue a Don).
- TTS Drainage Section's surface water separation works (e.g. Philip St Shaft).
- Jersey Electricity's new land side 90KV Circuit ('The Normandie 3 Interconnector') from Grouville Bay to South Hill.
- Jersey Telecom's Island wide fibre optic network roll out ('The Gigabit Isles project').

To ensure that these, and the many other smaller projects, can be delivered (alongside an increasing number of road based events) requires TTS to co-ordinate and programme in such a way as to utilise the full calendar year. Notwithstanding this TTS does (at both a policy and practical level) attempt to protect the needs of seasonal business, but in so doing it must also take into account road network constraints, such as making use of the school holidays to carry out high impact works on major school travel routes, for example the resurfacing of Gloucester Street.

Note: Further information about historic and upcoming streetworks can be found on TTS' recently launched 'Traffic Information' web pages:

<http://www.gov.je/Travel/Roads/Pages/ClosuresDelays.aspx>