

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES  
COMMITTEE BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON 19th APRIL 2005**

With regards to the proposed expansion of the Committee's newspaper recycling scheme halfway through the six-month trial, would the President advise members –

- (a) of the cost of this scheme to date?
- (b) of the return to the Committee to date, if any?
- (c) whether the scheme was put out to tender originally, and, if so, what terms and conditions were agreed with the contractor for the provision of this service and what was the successful tender price; if the scheme was not put out to tender, would he state the reasons why? and,
- (d) whether the Committee intends to invite competitive tenders in view of the proposed expansion of the scheme, and, if not, would he state the reasons why?

**Answer**

- (a) The set up and operational costs of the scheme to date total £31,134 and are as follows –

<b>Summary of costs up to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2005</b>	
<b><i>Set up costs:</i></b>	
Purchase of 26 N <sup>o</sup> . glass recycling banks from Parish of St Helier @ £150 per unit	3,900
Modification of banks to accept paper	2,600
Minor civil engineering for new sites	7,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>£14,000</i>
<b><i>Operational costs :</i></b>	
Collection	9,266
States Subsidy to cover export	7,868
<i>Total</i>	<i>£17,134</i>

- (b) The collection, processing and shipping costs are considerably higher than the value of this grade of material to the reprocessors. There is no return to the Committee.
- (c) Due to the short term nature of this initial pilot scheme (six months), a full competitive tendering process was not deemed a necessary or efficient way of procuring this service.

For the collection process, three haulage companies were approached and invited to submit proposals of how they would go about emptying the recycling banks chosen for the scheme and to provide a quote based on an hourly rate for that service. A selection was made based on the merits of the solutions put forward.

For the reception, baling, export and delivery to a U.K. reprocessor, the Committee decided that the material collected would be handled by the contractor who was already operating the Committee's cardboard recycling scheme. Again, for a short term trial this was deemed the most efficient way forward.

A simple set of terms and conditions were agreed for these services and the scheme commenced on 21st December 2004.

- (d) The scheme was expanded to one extra site as part of the trial. A further expansion is planned to trial a high

capacity recycling point at Bellozanne which may assist in reducing collection costs.

As part of its Draft Solid Waste Strategy, the Committee is proposing to expand the existing recycling 'bring' system to make recycling more convenient to the public and increase participation rates for recycling in the Island. If the States approve the Strategy, further work will be required to identify the most cost effective way of delivering these services. Any contracts developed as part of this process will be let in accordance with States procedures.