WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2013

Question

Given that the fuel suppliers ceased importing Super Unleaded fuel some six weeks ago (but subsequently agreed to import limited supplies by ferry for those motorists who needed it) and that many forecourts have now exhausted their supplies, will the Minister advise motorists where Super Unleaded fuel can now be obtained?

Answer

Following the announcement that Super Unleaded fuel is to be withdrawn from the Channel Island market Fuel Supplies (C.I.) Limited, which is owned by the RUBiS Group, has been working on solutions for those customers most affected by the decision.

The solution is the fuel will be imported by road tanker and/or isotank and delivered directly to selected RUBiS retailers. Fuel Supplies (C.I.) Limited is currently finalising the supply logistics between several third parties on the purchase and transport of the product from France. These imports will take place as soon as the existing stocks at the forecourts will have ended (expected end April 2013).

Fuel Supplies (C.I.) Limited is also working fuel retailers, which includes agreeing a contractual framework, developing new procedures and identifying appropriate storage capacity. Until these negotiations are complete Fuel Supplies (C.I.) Limited are unable to provide the forecourt names who are will stock Super Unleaded. However, Fuel Supplies (C.I.) hopes to release this information in due course but not until all of the details are agreed between the relevant parties.

Fuel Supplies (C.I.) has been working with motoring organisations, government representatives and other fuel importers and distributers to limit the inconvenience to Channel Island customers following the decision to withdraw Super Unleaded fuel from general supply.