WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL BY DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2007

Question

Would the Chairman, with regard to waste disposal issues, advise members whether his Panel agrees with the current Transport and Technical Services proposals, and, if not, advise members -

- (a) what the current thinking of the Panel is?
- (b) the nature of any work being undertaken by the Panel?
- (c) when that work will be concluded?

Would the Chairman further advise whether the Panel has decided to brief members on alternative strategies for waste disposal, and, if so -

- (i) when the decision was taken and what date was chosen on which such a briefing would be given?
- (ii) whether that timescale is being met?

Answer

- (a) (b) The Panel is undertaking a review of some aspects of the Transport & Technical Services proposals in respect of waste management in Jersey. The terms of reference are as follows -
 - 1. To quantify the composition of waste within the residential and commercial collections.
 - 2. To investigate the practicality and cost implications of re-using or recycling in excess of 32% from the waste stream.
 - 3. To investigate European and International markets for recycled goods and recyclable materials.
 - 4. To examine existing technology for the treatment of food waste with the green waste in a composting facility.
 - 5. To examine systems/policies to encourage the public to play a more active role in recycling.
- (c) The review is nearing completion and drafting of the report currently in progress. It is anticipated that the report will be published in April.
 - (i) A decision to brief members on alternative strategies for waste management was taken on Thursday 11th January 2007 with the briefing to coincide with the publication of the above report.
 - (ii) The original timescale was for the briefing to be held at the end of February or during March. As noted above, it is still the intention of the Panel to hold the briefing at the same time or shortly after the publication of the report to enable States Members to gain the maximum benefit from the briefing.