

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2008

Question

Would the Minister advise whether the emergency services currently encounter access difficulties within the St Helier ring road as a consequence of road or pavement alterations/street furniture?

Answer

The States of Jersey Police are notified beforehand of any alterations to roads or pavements, and of any pending road works which may impact on their emergency services; they are given the opportunity to highlight any likely problems in advance.

As of today's date, they have recorded no adverse circumstances in relation to incident response.

The States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service are also notified and consulted on any road works, pavement alterations, future traffic calming measures etc and as a result any queries or problems are usually addressed at an early stage.

The main concerns regarding the "traffic calming" measures that are installed throughout the island stem from the road users themselves, parking inappropriately and negligently near bollards or other fixed measures; this can cause issues for large appliances trying to manoeuvre.

Also there are issues in streets such as Colomberie where the road has been narrowed and bollards placed on pavements, negating the possibility for drivers to pull out of the way of approaching emergency vehicles and making them inclined to speed up to make way.

Some difficulties have recently been highlighted in gaining access in and around housing estates. Again this is caused by the residents, visitors and others parking inappropriately, rather than by the "traffic calming".