

**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 19th FEBRUARY 2013**

Question

Would the Minister advise whether the landscaping at La Collette was contracted to a private company and, if so, to whom and at what cost and, given the failure of the screening trees, is he satisfied that this represented good value for money?

Would he further state, in the event contractors were used, whether there was any obligation in the terms of the contract to ensure the work was completed to a satisfactory standard?

Answer

The tree planting of the mound to the East of the Energy from Waste Plant was not carried out by a private contractor. It was instead, carried out by the Parks and Gardens section of the Transport and Technical Services department.

The Deputy may recall from the response to his question of the 15 January 2013 that due to the sites exposure to salt laden winds, this is an extremely hostile site in which to establish trees. As expected there have been some losses which will be replaced over the next few weeks. This loss of trees was estimated in the original scoping stage of the planting scheme and provision for replacement trees was included as part of the original planting works.

It is simply not possible to establish trees quickly on a site such as this and it will take several years before the full screening affect is achieved.

If the Deputy would like to visit the site with an officer from my department to look at the trees that are growing there I would be happy to make the arrangements.