

2.9 The Deputy of St. Mary of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the sustainable transport policy consultation document:

Given that the Minister received over 1,000 responses to the Sustainable Transport Policy consultation document, when will a report be available which summarises it and what form will this report take?

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

An early preview of the raw results were provided to the Scrutiny Panel yesterday and the formatted and finalised summary report will be published electronically on the Government website at the end of February 2010.

2.9.1 The Deputy of St. Mary:

The reason I ask this question is that consultation is extremely important and I hope the Minister shares my joy at the strength of the response on this issue because it really was quite startling. It would be nice if he told us how many responses, because I said over 1,000 and that is the first little question. On the written comments, I know that the SurveyMonkey data is available and that is fairly easy to do, but what I was really wanting to know from the Minister was the way that the information would be presented as with regards to the many written comments. If he could tell us how many written comments there were, how they are going to be processed and how they are going to look in the final report, because I am very concerned that when people take the trouble to consult and give us the benefit of what they think that we should respond likewise.

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

It is a bit difficult for me to respond to the detailed questions of the Deputy without notice, but he is in possession of the draft responses as of yesterday and I think, to be fair, we have to wait till the end of the month until the proper summary is produced and then the results can be properly evaluated. I think I would take this opportunity to remind the Deputy that my department are in constant communication with the Scrutiny Panel and we liaise with them with regard to the production of these results and it is quite difficult to be running a parallel response service to the Deputy at the same time as the panel. I suggest that he does deal with the Scrutiny Panel and I am sure he will glean all information and put all his requests through that channel and it will be far more efficient.

The Deputy of St. Mary:

I am sorry, I raised this issue in the House because the issue of consultation itself is of extremely great importance on a wider gambit. It is important all around the States. The question was quite simple, I just wanted to know how the responses would be collated so that we get the full value out of them and I am surprised that the Minister thinks he has not had notice of this question.

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

I have not had notice of the question. I received the draft raw results, as intimated, yesterday as did the Deputy and I really cannot comment any further than that. So I think it would be far more beneficial to us all if the Deputy were to perhaps put this as a written question and enable me to respond in a far more sensible manner.