

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2013

Question

Will the Minister set out for members, in tabular form, details of road accidents for each of the last three years including the number of fatalities, serious and minor injuries and the total estimated cost to the community of each kind of accident?

Given that as part of the Sustainable Transport policy the States voted unanimously in November 2010 that Transport and Technical Services would formally adopt within one year a specific target for road accident reduction by the end of the policy period (2015) and bring a report to the States outlining what the target would be and the reasoning which supported it, could the Minister inform members what progress, if any, has been made with this important work?

Answer

Road traffic collision data is collected and published by the States of Jersey Police. The latest States of Jersey Police report for 2012 published the following table which details the breakdown of slight, serious, and fatal road traffic collisions for the years 2010 to 2012.

	Slight	Serious	Fatal	Total
2010	314	65	3	382
2011	300	48	1	349
2012	282	55	2	339

Transport and Technical Services receive detailed data from the States of Jersey Police annually and use the data as part of the routine monitoring and analysis of the road network and to inform the development of highway improvement schemes.

The cost to the community of road traffic collisions has not been calculated using local Jersey data, however, the UK Department for Transport publish such information for the preparation of cost benefit analyses for UK road schemes. Table 4a from TAG Unit 3.4.1 “The Accidents Sub-Objective”, gives the average value of prevention per road accident, for a road in the built up area with a speed limit of 40mph or less at 2010 values and prices as:

Accident severity	Fatal	Serious	Slight	All injury
Value of prevention	£1,820,760	£206,791	£21,556	£63,334

I am pleased to inform members that substantial progress has been made on the preparation of the Road Safety Strategy, within which targets will be set for the reduction of road traffic collisions, especially those resulting in personal injury. Following detailed stakeholder consultation development of the Road Safety Strategy is nearing completion. Public consultation on speed limits policy and a targeted consultation (with parents and youngsters) on young motorcyclist

safety will be carried out before the end of this year. Analysis of the latter consultations and some further research on certain other issues is required. I then intend to publish a white paper for full consultation in January next year.