WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. MARTIN QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022

Question

"Following the recent success of cycle races including the Tour de France Femmes, The Women's World Tour and RideLondon Classique, will the Minister consider exploring the possibility of the Island hosting a time-trial stage as part of a Union Cycliste Internationale (U.C.I.) accredited stage race?"

Answer

The Minister for Sport is keen to explore ways we can showcase and promote female participation in sport and wants to engage with as many sports as possible as she develops her policies going forward. This includes cycling.

The Assistant Minister always welcomes ideas and suggestions from colleagues and the wider public about how this could be achieved.

The last major cycling event was in 2010 when the island welcomed and hosted a number of stages of the Tour de Bretagne.

The Department for the Economy is currently reviewing all events held on the island including both sport and culture with a view to enhancing the current offering. The Department is always seeking to ensure a good return on investment be that economically, socially or environmentally.