WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2009

Question

Would the Minister inform members whether there is mention of the required performance of the plant with respect to any kind of emissions in the contract for the Energy from Waste plant and if so, would be advise of the exact wording of the contract in this regard, and the exact reference within the contract?

Answer

The performance for the new Energy from Waste Plant in terms of emissions are clearly laid down under the Waste Incineration Directive (WID). This document is the industry standard and the requirement to comply with it forms part of the performance specification issued to all tenderers.

The relevant section is contained in Schedule 16 of the Contract and reads:

"The Contractor shall demonstrate that the flue gas treatment plant achieves the emission limits specified in the Waste Incineration Directive over the entire range of input conditions as specified in the Specification, and that the plant can achieve the Guaranteed Performance Levels in Schedule 17."

The Schedule further explains the types of waste to be tested and the methodology for the Performance Test.