

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014**

Question

Would the Minister explain why the Transport and Technical Services Department has allowed the recent JEC trench re-instatement following the laying of cable ducting (especially in the Havre des Pas area) to be so uneven, and can he advise whether motorists can expect the surface to be remedied and, if so, when?

Answer

The reinstatement of the JEC 90KV Normandie 3 Cable in TTS administered Public Roads has been carried out in 3 Sections:

Section 1 – Rue a Don from Long Beach Car Park to Grouville Parish Hall and La Rue des Alleurs to La Rou Soulas

The cable and its associated apparatus was installed prior to the ongoing Rue à Don resurfacing project and is therefore a permanent reinstatement. The trench has been completed in accordance with the specification and the Department is not aware of any ride quality or other issues. This is a permanent reinstatement.

Section 2 - St. Clement's Inner Road to Green Road / Greve d'Azette junction

The cable and its associated apparatus has been installed using a foamed concrete backfill and permanent asphalt surface. This is a permanent reinstatement.

Section3 - Green Road / Greve d'Azette junction to South Hill

The cable and its associated apparatus has been installed using a foamed concrete backfill and interim asphalt surface. This is an interim reinstatement.

Quality of Surface Reinstatement

The Department is currently aware of several areas that do not meet the required specification which are planned to be remedied this year, depending on other planned utility and resurfacing works. More testing is still to be carried out as the works are still ongoing.

With regard to Section 3 and the interim reinstatement (from the Green Road / Greve d'Azette junction to South Hill) the JEC have agreed to fund a full lane width resurfacing of the carriageway along the line of the trench. Final reinstatement in this section has not yet been scheduled, but will be incorporated into the Department's ongoing resurfacing programme.

It is the Department's policy to allow up to 3 years for any settlement to take place in the trench prior to accepting the final reinstatement of the surface. Any irregularities or surface depressions that do not comply with the specification will be rectified at the cost of the relevant undertaker during this period. Any irregularities or surface depressions that present a safety hazard to motorists or pedestrians will be attended to earlier as a matter of urgency.