WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY G.C.L BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2014

Question

Further to the response he gave on 4th June 2013 to my written question, will the Minister advise what progress, if any, has been made towards either drafting a new Law or amending the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956 to provide for 'causing death or injury by careless driving' and what has been the reason for the delay in bringing this forward for debate?

Answer

Officers from my Department have reviewed legislation in England and Wales where an offence has recently been introduced of causing serious injury by dangerous driving. Following that review, advice was sought from the Attorney General as to the appropriateness of introducing new offences of causing death or serious injury by careless driving and also an offence of causing serious injury by dangerous driving (an offence already exists of causing death by dangerous driving). My Department has last week received confirmation from the Attorney General that it would be appropriate to move forward with draft legislation and I have therefore requested my officers to provide law drafting instructions as soon as possible.