

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES
BY SENATOR S.Y. MÉZEC
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 26th APRIL 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021**

Question

Will the Chair advise what work has been undertaken to act on Parts (c) to (e) of [P.79/2020](#); and will she provide a timeline for enabling the ability to ‘designate lanes’ as the proposition allowed?

Answer

15th July 2020 – the [States minutes \(15/7/2020\)](#) record that the States adopted P.79/2020 as amended and:

- (a) agreed that priority should be given in law to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders in designated roads in the Parishes and that vehicular traffic should only be allowed in such designated roads for essential travel;
- (b) requested the Comité des Connétables to designate roads in Parishes where priority should be given, as requested in paragraph (a) above;
- (c) requested the Comité des Connétables, in consultation with the Minister for Infrastructure, to bring forward for approval the necessary changes to legislation to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) by the first quarter of 2021, if considered practicable by the Comité and the Minister;
- (d) requested the Comité des Connétables, in consultation with the Minister for Infrastructure, to update the current road signs and markings for designated roads in order to show that priority was given in the use of designated roads to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders; and
- (e) requested the Comité des Connétables to undertake a public awareness campaign in conjunction with third parties, as appropriate, regarding the use of designated roads and the priority given to pedestrians, cyclist and horse riders.

August 2020 – discussion document/background papers prepared for discussion at the Comité des Connétables meeting in September 2020.

14th September 2020 – at its first meeting following the States decision the Comité des Connétables discussed the proposition and formed a sub-committee to progress the consultation.

15th October 2020 – invitation extended to H.M. Attorney General to attend the December 2020 Comité des Connétables meeting.

13th November 2020 – the sub-committee met and identified the issues for discussion at the meeting on 7th December 2020.

7th December 2020 – H.M. Attorney General and H.M. Solicitor General attended the Comité des Connétables meeting. Following discussion it was agreed the Comité would write formally seeking their advice on definitions of ‘priority’ and of ‘essential travel’ that would be capable of enforcement.

5th January 2021 – letter sent to the Law Officers.

28th January 2021 – response received from H.M. Attorney General.

15th February 2021 – the Comité des Connétables considered the Attorney General’s reply (dated 28th January 2021). It was decided to invite the Attorney General and the Minister for Infrastructure to the next meeting.

15th March 2021 – the Comité des Connétables met with H.M. Attorney General and the Minister for Infrastructure. The Attorney General was asked to further consider a definition for “essential travel”.

24th March 2021 – response dated 23rd March 2021 received from H.M. Attorney General.

12th April 2021 – the Comité des Connétables met to consider the Attorney General’s letter (dated 23rd March 2021). It was decided the sub-committee should discuss the advice with the Minister for Infrastructure. This meeting will be arranged shortly.

Paragraphs (d) and (e) relate to updating road signs and markings and to undertaking a public awareness campaign which will be considered following a decision on changes to legislation.