

**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 4th JUNE 2013**

Question

Further to the responses received from both the Minister and the Minister for Home Affairs to my written questions of 19th February 2013 and 19th March 2013, will the Minister advise what progress, if any, has been made towards amending the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956 to provide for 'causing death or injury by careless driving' and when he anticipates bringing forward the necessary amendments for debate by the Assembly?

Answer

The Minister for Home Affairs has recently established a working group to examine the current maximum penalties for all road traffic offences. The group comprises representatives from the Law Officers' Department, the Courts, the States of Jersey Police, the Honorary Police, the Home Affairs Department and the Transport and Technical Services Department. At its first meeting the group discussed the introduction of a new offence of causing death by careless driving and were in agreement that this offence should be introduced in Jersey with penalties aligning with those for this type of offence in the UK. The possibility of creating an offence of causing death or serious injury by careless driving was also discussed and it was agreed to review UK practice, where an offence of causing serious injury by dangerous driving had recently been introduced.

The group's work on this issue, as well as traffic penalties generally, is continuing. I anticipate receiving the recommendations of the group by the end of this third quarter, following which I will instruct my officers to provide law drafting instructions for the Law Draftsman as soon as possible.