

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL  
SERVICES BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th JUNE 2012**

**Question**

Could the Minister advise whether Transport and Technical Services staff using road sweeping machines worked on New Year's day, other bank holidays and Saturdays in rural parishes and, if so, why?

**Answer**

The Mechanised Road Sweeping section operates on a shift system that covers seven days a week, from 0600 hrs to 1700 hrs, inclusive of weekends and bank holidays excluding Christmas Day only. Operators receive a shift payment and do not receive overtime payments for working at weekends and on bank holidays as these are covered in the shift pattern.

By using this shift system the department minimises overtime costs and maximises the usage of vehicles and equipment to provide a cost efficient and effective road and pavement cleaning service for all the A, B and C class main roads across the Island.

Road cleaning schedules take into account the expected usage of roads and the resultant frequency of cleaning required. I can confirm that this will result in road cleaning taking place in rural parishes at weekends and on bank holidays.