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2.18 Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding an update on the Bus Operator Contract (OQ 157/2024):

Will the Minister provide an update on the bus operator's contract and advise when both the retender process is likely to be complete and confirmation of a successful operator will be given to the Assembly?

Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John (The Minister for Infrastructure):

It seems like tenders are like buses this morning. The position remains that the bus operator contract is being tendered in accordance with the Public Finances Manual. The tender process is running to schedule and there has been a good level of interest shown. The appointment of an operator is expected to take place later this autumn, at which point an announcement will be made.

2.18.1 Deputy T.A. Coles:

The term 'later this autumn', can the Minister be a little bit more specific?

The Connétable of St. John:

I have not been involved in the process, quite rightly so - it has been officers that have been doing the work - so I would expect to be briefed towards the end of this month or early next month. I would not expect a decision to be made after October. I would like to think it will be sooner rather than later.