

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 19th JULY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 26th JULY 2021**

Question

In relation to mains drains will the Minister advise –

- (a) whether there is a plan in place to connect to mains drains the remaining 8% of Island properties that are not currently connected; and, if so, what the expected timescale is to reduce this proportion to 5% and then to 3%;
- (b) whether, if there is no plan in place, he will undertake to put a detailed plan in place and, if so, by when; and, if not, why not; and
- (c) what alternative solutions, if any, has the Department considered to enable more homes to be connected to the mains drains?

Answer

- (a) The Liquid Waste Strategy review which is underway will determine what portion of properties can practicably be connected to the foul sewer network. The previous strategy which was approved by the States of Jersey in 2013 listed the percentage of properties connected to the network as 87% with the aspiration to achieve an additional 3% connections. Eight years on the percentage of properties connected to the network has increased to 92% achieving and exceeding the aspiration set in 2013. This is principally due to new developments which can more easily connect to the existing foul sewer network. Unfortunately to connect all the remaining 8% of properties to the foul sewer network simply isn't practicable. The Liquid Waste Strategy review will be complete by the end of 2022 and will provide an estimate of what additional properties can be connected.
- (b) The foul sewer extension list is currently being reviewed from a design basis to determine what schemes are feasible. The Liquid Waste Strategy will determine what number of properties can be connected. The schemes will be prioritised according to cost benefit and environmental gains. The Operations and Transport Directorate will also need the funding to carry out these schemes which officers will be submitting capital bids for.
- (c) The Liquid waste Strategy will determine what alternative solutions are available. One potential outcome could be one or more satellite sewage treatment works. Another alternative is that properties install their own private pumping station systems.