

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2012**

Question

Further to the 'Taxi Regulatory Reform' Green Paper published in March 2012 (R.43/2012) will the Minister advise what steps, if any, he is taking to address problems associated with the provision of the taxi service in Jersey and what rôle Driver and Vehicle Standards will play?

Answer

A policy White Paper is in the process of being developed which will set out the reforms I intend to present to the States for their consideration.

The policy impact analysis and detailed proposals will be developed during the rest of this year ready to be lodged with the States for debate in the first half of next year. A detailed programme is still being developed to ensure that States processes are complied with and Scrutiny and other interested parties are fully consulted.

Prior to finalising the policy document, so the necessary detail can be included, some further discussions will be needed with industry representatives to agree the specifics of how the changes I wish to make may actually be implemented.

At present it is intended that Driver and Vehicle Standards will continue to regulate the operation of the Island's taxi service.