

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY
THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2009**

Question

- a) Can the Minister confirm the dates when the following infrastructure works at Bonne Nuit will be completed -
- i) the placing of an Armeco barrier on Les Charrières de Bonne Nuit, a matter that has been outstanding for some 6/7 years;
 - ii) the correct operation of the sewerage plant to ensure that it operates at 100% effectiveness with no more pungent smells on the jetty, a matter that has been outstanding for some 5/6 years;
- b) Would the Minister explain whether the failure of the bathing water at Bonne Nuit to reach the highest standard in recent tests is related to the operation of the sewerage plant and will the Department now consider connecting this plant to main drains?

Answer

- a) i) The temporary barriers will be replaced with permanent Armco barrier prior to the end of this year.
- ii) The quality of the effluent from Bonne Nuit sewage treatment works is extremely high and is achieving all regulatory requirements. Unfortunately there have been odour issues with the plant causing a nuisance to residents and visitors to the area. During the last month Officers have been adding a chemical solution to soak up the sulphide in the plant which is causing odours in the vicinity. To date the trials have shown a marked improvement of the nuisance odours and we are hopeful that the chemical dosing will fulfil the expectations of residents and visitors.
- b) The effluent from the sewage treatment plant is treated in an ultra-violet plant which disinfects the effluent before being discharged into the sea. There are surface water catchments in the area which discharge in this area and I am aware that the Environment Division is monitoring these together with the discharge from the sewage treatment plant. Perhaps the Minister for Planning and Environment could comment further on this issue.