

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2009**

Question

“What is the Connex schedule for buying new vehicles and how are they funded within the contract?”

Answer

Connex are contractually obliged to provide a fleet of buses for scheduled public services within the following parameters:

- Average age no greater than 10 years old
- No more than 10% of the fleet aged over 15 years

The current average age of the 77-bus fleet is 6.7 years.

The six oldest vehicles currently forming part of the Connex fleet were new in 1994.

The cost of supplying the bus fleet is fully covered by the annual contract payment to Connex. It is expected that six new vehicles will be acquired during 2010.