

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL  
SERVICES BY DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2012**

**Question**

Can the Minister advise whether a thick plume of smoke seen rising from a flue on the north-west part of La Collette chimney at 8am on 10th October 2012, was caused by the Energy from Waste plant and, if so, why was this happening and what was the chemical composition of the soot?

**Answer**

The La Collette Chimney is used by both Jersey Electricity and the Energy for Waste (EFW) plant. On the 10th October the EFW plant was operating within its licensed emission limits. The EFW is operated in accordance with a Waste Management Licence which stipulates the maximum emissions levels from the plant. If these emission levels are outside of the licensed limits the plant is shut down and any underlying problem is rectified before the plant is started up again.

Jersey Electricity has confirmed that Diesel generating plant was being brought into service at this time in order to meet the Islands morning electricity demand. It is normal for any Diesel engine to emit a small amount of darker smoke for a very short period on start up, and it is this that would have been noticed at around 8am on the 10th October 2012.