

**4.7 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the creation of legislation addressing 'death by careless driving':**

Further to the response given by the Minister for Home Affairs to my written question on 19th March 2013, would the Minister provide an update on the progress, if any, which has been made towards the creation of legislation addressing 'death by careless driving'?

**Deputy K.C. Lewis (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):**

My department has been contributing to a Working Group chaired by the Minister for Home Affairs with representatives of the States and honorary police, the Magistrates and Law Officers' Department. The Group has reviewed all penalties relating to traffic offences and as part of that review, proposals have also been considered for the introduction of an offence of causing death by careless driving and a potential offence of causing serious injury by careless driving. My department has written to the Attorney General asking for legal advice on these potential new offences and the Working Group will conclude its recommendations for my consideration when that advice has been received.

**4.7.1 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:**

Would the Minister for Transport and Technical Services agree that it is the result of his department combining this potential legislation with other issues that is creating a delay?

**Deputy K.C. Lewis:**

No, I am trying to progress this as soon as possible.

**4.7.2 Deputy M. Tadier:**

Will the Minister agree to circulate by email the full composition of the Group that you just talked about?

**Deputy K.C. Lewis:**

If it is appropriate to do so, sure. I have no problem with that at all.

**4.7.3 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:**

In relation to his previous answer, I was advised that the delay was in his department. Can he assure us that, first of all, it is not and also when he hopes that this legislation will come before the Assembly?

**Deputy K.C. Lewis:**

Yes, we wrote to the Attorney General on 5th August for his consideration. We await a reply and we will proceed as soon as possible.