4.4 Deputy S. Power of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding facilities at the new Energy from Waste plant for members of the public to deliver mixed loads of combustibles:

Would the Minister confirm whether facilities will be made available at the new Energy from Waste plant for members of the public to deliver mixed loads of combustibles such as old furniture, carpets and mattresses that can presently be unloaded at the top yard at Bellozanne?

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

The new Energy from Waste plant will be for Parish and commercial vehicles only. Members of the general public will continue to take their waste to the re-use/recycling centre currently located at Bellozanne, which has facilities to receive mixed loads such as old furniture, carpets and mattresses which cannot be recycled. I would take this opportunity to ask the Members of this House and the general public to use this facility which is really very user-friendly and worth an inspection. The current arrangements at Bellozanne whereby members of the public mix with large commercial vehicles do not represent industry best practice and this mix causes many operational safety issues. At times the safety on the current Bellozanne site is compromised.

4.4.1 Deputy S. Power:

I thank the Minister for his reply. Can the Minister confirm whether the new facility, when commissioned, will be available to unload conventional tipping trucks and side-tipping trucks?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

The new plant will, in fact, be designed to optimise the operation of reception facilities. Vehicles entering the new plant will be registered and have identification facilities so that T.T.S. (Transport and Technical Services) will be enabled to operate an unmanned weigh bridge. So, provided the vehicles are properly identified and registered within the system, I would have thought that would be achievable, Sir.

4.4.2 Deputy A.K.F. Green, M.B.E. of St. Helier:

Would the Minister advise us about the facilities at Bellozanne? Is it intended that the green waste will occur there as well? I know there are temporary plans for Warwick Farm but would they move to Bellozanne?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

The green waste facilities previously located at La Collette are now in a temporary location at Bellozanne. It is the intention that they be moved to Warwick Farm.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Yes, one more.

4.4.3 Deputy A.K.F. Green:

My understanding is that Warwick Farm is to be a temporary arrangement. Would it not be easier, if we are going to have public disposal facilities, to have it all in one place?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

The plan was that Warwick Farm would be a permanent arrangement.

4.4.4 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:

Could the Minister inform us, rather than subject these items which people like Deputy Power may deliver - contents of his furniture, for example - would he promote a system whereby these items are diverted for recycling, because it is quite clear when one visits this site there are an awful lot of items that are in excellent condition and are being burnt unnecessarily.

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

I agree with the Deputy wholeheartedly. In fact, at the recycling centre there is a container to one side where there is an exchange arrangement and items do come in and go out to the general public. So, no, I wholeheartedly agree with the Deputy's sentiments.