

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**

**Question**

“Can the Minister provide members with a complete list of any accidents involving cyclists or pedestrians which have occurred along the promenade between St. Aubin and St. Helier in the vicinity of the ongoing roadworks?”

What arrangements, if any, are in place to ensure that safe practices are followed with respect to all users of the promenade?

What is the situation regarding liability, if contributory negligence exists *prima facie*, in the event that one of the injured proceeds to sue?”

**Answer**

My Department is aware of two accidents involving cyclists which have occurred along the promenade between St. Aubin and St. Helier in the vicinity of the ongoing roadworks. The details are as follows;

On the night of 19th March, 2010 a cyclist hit the site fencing and suffered a broken collar bone.

On the 13th April 2010 a cyclist hit a piece of blue rope stretched across the cycle track and suffered a broken wrist.

There are two separate projects being carried out which affect the promenade and cycle track in this area. The first accident occurred on the Victoria Avenue Promenade and Cycle Track Replacement Project which is being carried out by TTS direct labour and the second is the Victoria Avenue Resurfacing Project being carried out by Trant (Jersey) Ltd.

Both projects have a member of staff responsible for checking traffic management and public safety on a daily basis. It is suspected that with both of these incidents the fencing/signage and the blue rope in question had been deliberately placed in the line of cyclists by vandals following the site inspections. Both incidents have been reported to the police who are investigating.

Both my Department and the Contractor hold third party insurance for personal and property damage and the injured parties have been made aware of this.