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

With reference to the Motor Vehicle Races (Jersey) Law 1946, does the Minister believe, given the dangerous nature of motorsport, that the £2 maximum fine for obstruction or being unlawfully on an area used for racing is sufficient in this day and age and, if not, will he agree to amend the fine to perhaps, level 1 on the standard Scale of Fines?

Answer

TTS is currently in the process of preparing new road event legislation, which it aims to bring to the States in 2013, subject to consultation with the Parishes and other relevant authorities etc.

The proposed new law, presently in draft form, would replace the current offence (with its fine not exceeding $\pounds 2$) with an equivalent offence.

The penalty under the new equivalent offence would be 'level 1' on the standard scale (i.e. ± 50). However, in addition the new law would allow a potentially higher level of fine, not exceeding 'level 2' on the standard scale (i.e. ± 500) for a person who uses a vehicle in contravention of any restriction, or prohibition imposed in relation to a race.

* Criminal Justice (Standard Scale of Fines) (Jersey) Law 1993.