

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER 2006**

**Question**

Would the Minister inform members what policy is in place in relation to dangerous driving by drivers of vehicles operated by his Department and, in particular, what procedure, if any, is in place in relation to the action that is to be taken against a driver found to be using a mobile phone whilst driving a vehicle operated by the Department?

**Answer**

Part 1:

If a member of TTS staff is accused of the offence of 'dangerous driving' whilst in control of a States' operated vehicle, the member of staff would be subject to discipline in line with the disciplinary procedures for the appropriate pay group. In normal circumstances the Department would await the outcome of the court case and if the employee was found guilty then it would proceed with the disciplinary procedure.

Part 2:

With regard to the holding of a mobile phone whilst driving; a departmental policy has been in place since March 1998 which states that –

‘all staff when called must pull over and stop the vehicle before answering the call’. It continues; “Users of mobile phones should ensure that they have ‘voice call back answer service’ programmed into their sets so that they know who has been trying to call them.”

If a particular member of staff is reported for holding a mobile phone whilst driving on States' business, the internal disciplinary procedure would again be applied and appropriate action taken.