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In sub-paragraph (b) of the proposition after the word and figures Appendix 5.4 insert the words, except that the Public Services Committee's project - Flue Gas Cleaning - Bellozanne Incinerator (Priority No. 82) shall be moved to No. 24 in the order of priorities and the subsequent items renumbered accordingly

SENATOR S. SYVRET

Report

The decision to rank the Flue Gas Cleaning project as the very last item on the suggested priority list for the year 2000 - 2002 must be regarded as perverse - if indeed not indicative of a complete failure of the decision conferencing process. The States debated, on 19th November 1996, a proposition from the Public Services Committee (P.199/96) which stated -

- (a) to agree that, as soon as practicable, the Island's waste disposal system should conform to EU legislation covering emission standards set out in Directives 89/469 EEC and 89/429 EEC;
- (b) to agree that the capital allocation decision conferencing should be required to have due regard to this decision.

Whilst the States did not agree with sub-paragraph (b), nevertheless the agreement with sub-paragraph (a) of the proposition constituted a clear commitment to dealing with this issue.

The EU emission standards came into effect on 1st December 1996. Since then the Bellozanne incinerator has been the only such plant operating in the entire European Union that does not meet these standards. Even more stringent standards are to be introduced in 2001; are we to miss that deadline as well?

The gaseous emissions from the plant contain dioxins and other hazardous chemicals. Depending upon atmospheric conditions these may be deposited in the surrounding environment. There are a number of housing estates and a new school within clear sight of the incinerator stack. The States cannot accept such poor environmental standards, nor can they accept the disregarding of their decision of November 1996. We should begin to upgrade the incinerator to 2001 EU standards as soon as possible.