WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2011

Question

Would the Minister advise how much has been spent on maintenance and resurfacing of the Island's roads each year since the removal of car tax?

Answer

The table below shows the highways spend since 1992. Unfortunately we do not have records for years 1995 through to 1998 due to legacy software issues.

Year	Highway Maintenance and Resurfacing £
1992	483,058
1993	555,859
	Tax on Fuel started in 1994
1994	425,695
1995* ¹	n/a
1996	n/a
1997	n/a
1998	n/a
1999	619,647
2000	655,061
2001	748,880
2002	632,298
2003	600,000
2004	600,000
2005	915,000
2006	1,944,532
2007	2,708,961
2008	2,413,777
2009	1,813,339
2010	5,612,000 (Includes Economic Stimulus Funding)

In December 2010 the annualised depreciation value of roads and footways based on a 20 year resurfacing cycle was £2.24 million. This figure can be considered as the lowest maintenance expenditure that should be spent on the roads to offset the depreciation cost. This figure would only maintain the roads and footways to the existing standard, an improved standard will require substantially more funding.