

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
BY THE CONNETABLE OF ST. HELIER**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2006

Question

Would the Minister inform members –

- (a) whether he is investigating, as part of his ongoing review of transport strategy, the impact that the number of PNR (Private Non-Residential) parking spaces within the Ring Road has on the community in terms of adding to congestion and reducing the incentive for commuters to switch to other modes of transport?
- (b) whether he will undertake to discuss with the Minister for Treasury and Resources the feasibility of a tax on PNR parking with a view to ring-fencing the proceeds to enhance public transport services?

Answer

- (a) I can confirm that the use of PNR (Private Non-Residential) parking spaces within the Ring Road are being investigated as part of the ongoing review of the transport strategy.

Private Non-Residential spaces appear to be used predominantly by commuters and it is this sector of the motoring public that impacts on congestion early in the morning and in the evening. It is estimated that there are approximately 7000 PNR spaces within the Ring Road which form a significant element of the 11,000 vehicle trips made into St Helier between 0800 – 0900 hours daily.

- (b) The Minister for Treasury and Resources is looking at a number of Environmental Tax measures as part of the Fiscal Strategy. The use of Private Non-Residential spaces will be considered as part of an overall package designed to provide incentives to the commuter to consider the environmental and economic benefits of using alternative modes of transport. The proposals for Environmental Taxes will be completed by October 2006 and presented to the Minister for Treasury and Resources.