WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2006

Question

- (a) Would the Minister inform members what plans, if any, there are in respect of the clinical waste facilities currently located at Bellozanne and, in particular, whether there are plans to move the facility to La Collette or to place a new incinerator there?
- (b) What is the current condition of the clinical waste incinerator and what is its projected useable life at present?
- (c) How much does it cost to operate the incinerator and how much, if anything, is recharged to the Health and Social Services Department for the disposal of waste?
- (d) Does the agricultural industry use the incinerator for the incineration of animal parts and, if so, what charge, if any, is made for this service?

Answer

- (a) The clinical waste incinerator will continue operating at the Bellozanne site. There are no plans to relocate the incinerator at La Collette or to build a new clinical waste incinerator at La Collette.
- (b) The clinical waste incinerator is in good condition. The incinerator was commissioned in 1998 with a design life of 25 years. The plant is maintained to a high standard and the incinerator is expected to operate until the year 2023.
- (c) In 2005 the clinical waste incinerator cost £183,084 to operate. The clinical waste incineration charge for 2005 was £0.69 per kilogram. The Health and Social Services Department is by far the biggest customer for the clinical waste incineration service and was charged £ 171,571 in 2005.
- (d) The agricultural industry does not use the clinical waste incinerator facility.