

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR
TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st MAY 2007

Question

- a) Would the Minister inform members –
- (i) what proportion of the £2.5 million required to fund the 2007 States employees' pay award his department has had to absorb?
 - (ii) what measures have been taken to meet this additional cost?
 - (iii) whether such actions amount to service cuts or delays in certain activities, and
- b) Would the Minister place these in context of measures already taken in response to the need for efficiency savings for 2007?

Answer

- a)
- (i) The department has been asked to absorb £153,100 of the £2.5 million required to fund the 2007 States employees' pay award.
 - (ii) The additional cost will be met from a combination of expenditure restraints and from a projected increase in income.
 - (iii) Due to the fact that the Department has only been asked to fund an additional cost of £153,100 in 2007 it is not anticipated that there will be a reduction in the service provided by the Transport and Technical Services Department, albeit there could be delays to infrastructure maintenance.
- b) In 2007 the Department was tasked with achieving efficiency savings totalling £192,300, these savings have been achieved through a range of measures but especially in the Parks and Garden Section which has implemented a five year plan to reduce its budget by £730,000.