

4.1 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the annual use of hypochlorite by the Transport and Technical Services Department:

Would the Minister advise what quantity of hypochlorite his department uses annually and the main purpose to which it is put?

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

The Transport and Technical Services Department uses approximately 5,000 litres of hypochlorite in the chlorination process of Coronation Park paddling pool over the summer months. The hypochlorite is used as part of the chlorination process for the pool in accordance with bathing standard recommendations. The department also uses a number of office and toilet cleaning products which have small quantities of hypochlorite included in them. For information to Members in the past the department used hypochlorite for 2 other applications: Jersey Harbours maintenance section (which has now transferred to Transport and Technical Services) previously used it in coastal areas for cleaning-down slipways and steps but for the past 4 years they have used a product called Antimoss, which is more environmentally acceptable. Hypochlorite was also used as a control measure on the sewage treatment works when the denitrifying process produced excessive foam. This was discontinued 2 years ago and other methods have since been adopted.

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:

I thank the Minister for his answer.

4.1.1 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

I have a supplementary. Given that the Coronation Park area I imagine is probably including the small bathing pool for the children, are there any environmental products that could be better used by the department and would he undertake to investigate alternatives given the fact that babies do use that swimming pool during the summer months?

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:

Yes, I am very happy to look into that matter.

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

Thank you.