

4.7 Deputy D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the publication and implementation of the Integrated Travel and Transport Policy:

Given that in R.101/2008 - Committee of Inquiry into Fields 848, 851 and 853 Bel Royal, St. Lawrence Final Report - the Committee recommended that the Minister should take the necessary steps to publish and to implement the Integrated Travel and Transport Policy without delay, when will the Minister be complying with the recommendation?

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

That Committee of Inquiry made a number of interesting recommendations and, in fact, linked to that particular recommendation the Committee indicated that it would be valuable to have an Island-wide traffic management study, which indeed has merit, although I have to advise Members that to date the department concentrates its traffic management studies around the town and the southern cross-routes where clearly most of the congestion occurs. I want to emphasise that the department is currently not operating in a vacuum as we already have a sustainable travel policy in place and no one regrets more than myself the fact that a number of intervening matters have delayed the publication for consultation and ultimately debate of the Integrated Travel and Transport Policy. I am currently considering, given how near we are to effectively a change into a new States, submitting the Travel and Transport Strategy as a report for Members to be able to consult in some detail. I remind Members that the early consultation draft has been a public document for over a year and is on the Transport and Technical Services website. But I think at this stage of proceedings it would be inappropriate, given the number of States meetings we have left, for me to push through a particular policy when there may well be a change of Minister within a matter of weeks.

4.7.1 Deputy D.W. Mezbourian:

If I may, the Minister referred to the original document which I understand was withdrawn in order to provide more information, and I wonder whether he will advise the House when the revised document is presented whether it will, in fact, address the issue of speed and speed limits and, if not, why not?

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:

The strategy will to some extent address the matter of speed and speed limits but not in detail because I need to advise the Constable-elect - and congratulations on that - I need to advise the current Deputy for St. Lawrence that I think during a time when she was not in the House the House approved a Speed Limits law. There is in fact very comprehensive legislation and reports in detail to deal with speed limits quite separately from the Integrated Travel and Transport Plan.