WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HÉRISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2009

Question

"Will the Minister consider using empty school buses to relieve the congestion on the regular service buses during the morning rush hour?"

Answer

A number of returning school buses are already being utilised to enhance the morning commuter services as successfully negotiated as part of the contract extension agreement. The only schools services that are feasible to re-use are those operating to Le Rocquier and Les Quennevais being out of town schools. Two of each of these services are being utilised and have been included in the winter timetable. In fact, the two Les Quennevais services manage to operate three short services from Tesson Chapel and First Tower. From the east, there is one Route 1 service from Le Bourg and a Route 2C from Grouville Station.

There are a number of issues which do curtail the re-use of the school services but I am committed to maximising the integration of all services and will continue to discuss options in this regard with Connex.