

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2009**

Question

Can the Minister inform the Assembly whether his Department, before signing the contract for the new incinerator, researched which plants, if any, CNIM have built in the UK, comparable to the one contracted for in Jersey, whether pollution limits had been exceeded by those plants and, if so, the reasons that occurred?

Answer

The Department visited Energy from Waste plants built by CNIM at Sheffield and Stoke during 2007 as part of the procurement process. Both plants have features that are comparable to the Jersey plant. In addition, the Department visited several CNIM reference facilities in France and were provided with details of all CNIM reference plants of similar type to that proposed by the company for Jersey.

The Sheffield plant, which started operations in 2006, was the main reference site reviewed by TTSD when considering the CNIM bid. A thorough review of the plant, and its performance took place, together with a comprehensive visit.

Since the end of 2006, the Sheffield plant has had no reported breaches of air emissions. Emission limits for this type of plant are extremely tightly regulated under the European Waste Incineration Directive. To have no reported emission limit breaches in over two years attests to the quality of the plant and the way the plant is operated. Emissions are continuously monitored which enables the operator to take appropriate actions if required during any potential disturbances.

The Jersey plant will be very similar in design to the Sheffield one, incorporating similar gas cleaning and monitoring equipment, and will be operated to the same standards.