WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY S.S.P.A. POWER OF ST. BRELADE ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2009

Question

Following his response to my oral question on 24th February 2009, confirming that the new Energy from Waste plant at La Collette will only receive rubbish directly from licensed commercial and Parish refuse vehicles and that there will be no weekend dumping facilities for private persons and small vehicles, will the Minister advise what future plans, if any, the Department has to mitigate the dust and air-borne particles that will continue to arise as a result of the continued delivery of domestic waste to Bellozanne and the resultant crushing of furniture, bedding, carpets, linoleum and other materials at the Bellozanne top yard?

Answer

I am grateful to the Deputy for the opportunity to clarify this situation.

Currently, public, commercial and industrial bulky waste is delivered to the Bellozanne Refuse Handling Plant where it is shredded prior to incineration.

The La Collette Energy from Waste facility is within the hazard zone for the neighbouring Fuel storage facilities and public access has to be restricted.

Instead, the intention is to develop a purpose built Re-use and Recycling Centre for the reception of public re-usable, recyclable and compostable green waste and bulky waste with the capital vote awarded to the Department in 2010. Potential locations are being considered for this site.

The new Re-use and Recycling Centre will only receive waste from the public – no commercial vehicles will be permitted. Therefore the impact of the public deliveries will be significantly reduced.

The site will be open throughout the week and at weekends for the convenience of the public.

There will not be any crushing or shredding of waste on site.

The majority of waste will be separated for re-use, recycling or composting and transported for reprocessing. The remaining residual waste will be transferred to the Energy from Waste facility at La Collette.