

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY
DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2010**

Question

Given that approximately 32 Islanders are killed or seriously injured on Jersey's roads and that there also approximately 400 road accidents annually, and in view of the accident record for this year can the Minister inform members –

- (a) what work has been done to establish the causes of road accidents in Jersey?
- (b) who is responsible for conducting this analysis?
- (c) who is responsible for challenging, reviewing and acting upon these figures?
- (d) what action, if any, has been taken in the past to reduce road accidents by tackling the causes?
- (e) what action, if any, will be taken by the Minister to reduce road accidents by tackling the causes?

Answer

TTS as highway Authority for main roads uses data provided to it by the States of Jersey Police to identify and prioritise its road engineering and traffic management schemes such as traffic calming, visibility improvements, speed limits, skid resistant surfaces and road signage. High pedestrian injury rates in York Street/Charing Cross and Bath Street, to give two examples, have been addressed in recent years by traffic management schemes in those areas. However road engineering is only one aspect of road safety. Enforcement is a key issue and I am aware that the States police have used the data to identify where speed limit enforcement should be focused. The Road Safety Officer and Road Safety Panel also use the data to identify where work on education and awareness of road safety would be most beneficial.

Currently however, although there is communication at various levels between TTS, the Parishes, the States and honorary police, and the Road Safety Officer, I believe there is no recognised formal coordination to this process and it has in the past been unclear as to who is ultimately responsible. I have been charged by the States Strategic Plan to develop a Sustainable Transport Policy and bring it to the States for debate. I have done so and that policy is lodged for debate on November 16th. Road safety should be an integral part of a sustainable transport policy and I propose in the policy that TTS will form and lead a task group consisting of representatives of the States of Jersey and honorary Police, TTS including DVS, Health and Social Services and the Road Safety Officer. That group would meet regularly to use the police's road traffic collision data to analyse the cause of accidents, monitor trends and coordinate a prioritised and cost effective programme of road safety measures within available resources.