WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2010

Question

Can the Minister inform members what information, if any, he has gathered from other jurisdictions and authorities about the effects of different speed limits on accident and injury rates as part of the speed limit review, what this research has shown, and can he advise members of progress on this review?

Answer

The speed limits review was carried out by the Connétables of St John and St Saviour, Deputy Fox and my Assistant Minister Deputy Lewis, with assistance where appropriate from Departmental officers. This panel has produced a report of their findings and made recommendations for the rationalisation of the Island's speed limit structure.

The recommendations of the review are practical and pragmatic proposals based on the 927 Submissions made by the general public during the consultation phase, the Public Meeting held on 6th July 2009, a detailed submission from the States of Jersey Police and the expert knowledge and experience of the officers advising as well as the knowledge and experience of the members of the review team. While specific research on accident and injury rates did not form part of the review, my officers maintain a watching brief on national best practice and were able to advise accordingly.

With regard to progress against Deputy Gorst's Proposition, as I have described, this work has now been completed and I presented a report detailing the findings of the review to the States on 26th October 2009. I have asked the Law Officers for advice on one of those recommendations. This advice was received two weeks ago and I am now examining how the recommendations of the report should best be taken forward.