

2.16 The Deputy of St. John of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding remediation measures to address poor quality asphalt work on some of the Island's roads:

Has any action been taken by the Transport and Technical Services Department and the contractors to rectify the poor quality of asphalt work on Queen's Road and on the footpath between Rue de Galet and First Tower. If so, would he detail the cost of this work and the amount paid to the contractor, and advise whether the works were undertaken by the same contractor as Victoria Avenue.

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade (Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

I would first of all - in case he has forgotten - refer the Deputy to an answer to a written question I gave on 6th July to a very similar question. But in summary the T.T.S. (Transport and Technical Services) Highways and Infrastructure Maintenance Team are not aware of any poor quality asphalt work on Queen's Road. The surrounding areas to some of the manhole frames have cracked but this is relating to underlying movement as a result of a bad winter, not quality of workmanship on the asphalt. The contractor for this work was Brenwall Limited and A. Le Sech Asphalt Limited. The contractor on Victoria Avenue - Trans Jersey Limited - did not have sufficient time to complete the repairs to the northern pathway before traffic management was withdrawn on 16th July. This was in order to complete the works for the Battle of Flowers. However, they are listed as a defect and will be remedied by the contractor before the end of the maintenance period which will be before 29th April 2011 at no cost to the States.

2.16.1 The Deputy of St. John:

In response to the Minister's comments on Queen's Road, will he confirm that the manhole covers in fact were retrofitted and therefore defects have occurred from the retrofitting of these manhole covers in the asphalt around them and has nothing whatsoever to do with the deteriorating weather in recent weeks and days, given there has been pot holes around the manholes since the start of the summer when I brought my scooter into town?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

I am responsible for not monitoring the Deputy's every movement, I am not aware of the depth of detail the Deputy has on this matter and I am prepared to find out and report to him later.

2.16.2 Senator J.L. Perchard:

On the quality of work undertaken by subcontractors, would the Minister comment on the work that was undertaken on The Esplanade with, in particular, the central reservation and has he noticed that on the central reservation, between the red asphalt and the kerb stones that we are now growing a fine crop of grass in places? Will he comment on that?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

Yes, I have noticed and am disappointed but of course the trouble with all municipal services around the countryside, as the Deputy will be aware, is there are severe restrictions on the type of herbicides that can be used and we are really extremely

restricted of what can be done. But the department is aware of it and will be taking action to deal with this in the best way it can in an environmental sort of way.

The Bailiff:

Do you wish a final question, Deputy, on this one?

2.16.3 The Deputy of St. John:

I am sorry we are getting short-changed in time given other questions have had 10 minutes. So given the footpath between First Tower and Rue de Galet over the last few days, large pools of standing water 2 or 3 metres across have obviously frozen and I have observed people having difficulty walking along that footpath. Will he get the contractors to do the work sooner rather than later?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

Yes.

The Bailiff:

We come to the next question which Deputy Maçon will ask of the Chief Minister.