

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JULY 2010**

Question 1a

“Could members be told when Queen’s Road was last resurfaced, the cost and which asphalt contractor undertook the work and what guarantee, if any, exists on workmanship and materials?”

Answer

Queen’s Road and sections of La Grande Route de St Jean were resurfaced from mid-2006 to early 2007 by Brenwal Ltd and A. Le Sech (Asphalt) Ltd. The extent of the schemes was from the Rouge Bouillon roundabout to La Rue des Maupertuis. The Contract Cost was £510,000 and carried out under the New Engineering Contract (NEC3) Engineering and Construction Short Contract that allows a one year period for the notification of defects, i.e. any defects that appeared within one year from the completion of Contract, if the responsibility of the Contractor, would have to be repaired at their cost.

Question 1b

Given standing water on foot paths at times of heavy rain, can Members be told the cost of the resurfacing of Victoria Avenue, including resurfacing footpaths and which asphalt company is undertaking the work; what redress, if any, exists on any claim for poor workmanship and will the Minister be calling on external surveyors to inspect the works, if so will this be done before final payments are made to contractors?”

Answer

The costs associated with Phase 2 and Phase 3 of Victoria Avenue are as follows:

Item	Amount
Original Contracts	£4.14m
Resurfacing elements	£1.30m
Footpaths	£0.24m

The Main Contractor for the project is Trant (Jersey) Ltd; the asphalt surfacing work was subcontracted to Pallot Tarmac Ltd.

The works are being carried out under the New Engineering Contract (NEC3) Engineering and Construction Contract Option B. The ponding on the footpaths during times of heavy rain constitutes a defect under this Contract and consequently the procedures laid down by the Contract have been followed to notify the Contractor. He and consequently his asphalt subcontractor have to correct the defect at their cost. This remedial work will be undertaken by 16 July 2010.

Question 1c

As major Civil engineering works have been undertaken on Victoria Avenue under the fiscal stimulus, does the Minister not consider it would have been more productive to resurface many of the hundreds of miles of States roads across the Island which are in very poor condition and will he now put a proper programme in place to resurface all Island roads?”

Answer

The Highways Maintenance Section carries out three yearly condition surveys of the island roads. This information feeds into the Jersey Pavement Management System (JPMS) that identifies the roads in worst condition and consequently, in most need of repair. Victoria Avenue has long been on the top of this list and so when the fiscal stimulus bids were announced, a successful application was made for this project. The use of these funds to resurface a road that was in a very poor condition and used by more than 30,000 vehicles a day must be considered to be a positive outcome for the island.

Whilst Victoria Avenue was ranked at the top of the list, JPMS identified a further 11km of highway as a high priority for maintenance. The Highways Maintenance department will continue to work through this list of projects, dependent on available budget and the infrastructure maintenance works of the utility companies.