

5.4 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the monitoring of air quality and radiation levels from the nuclear power station near Cherbourg.

Can I ask the Minister who monitors air quality and radiation levels for the nuclear power station near Cherbourg? Is the data available online for the public to monitor and, if not, will the Minister undertake to ensure this information is made available, please?

Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

The French Nuclear Safety Authority, known as A.S.N. (Autorité de Sûreté Nucléaire), is responsible for regulating nuclear safety in France in accordance with international standards. The A.S.N. and the affiliated French National Network of Environmental Radioactivity Monitoring undertakes monitoring of all French nuclear power facilities and this monitoring information is available online. I have emailed the website address to the Deputy.

5.4.1 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

Thank you. The Minister was kind enough to send me the email link. However, it is in French so unless one is fluent in French and also radioactivity issues, then it is not much use at all really. I am wondering if maybe, given the written question answered in number 17 today saying how the U.K. undertakes analysis of our water in relation to radiation, whether or not more thought needs to be given about the ongoing monitoring of Cap de la Hague and Cherbourg by our own Government, so that we can make that available and readily accessible by our people rather than having to trawl through foreign language websites or the U.K.'s databases. I appreciate there are some links but it is not easy to find these.

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The Deputy of Trinity:

I take the Deputy's point and not that I have been on the website personally, but I would have thought they might have an English link. If they do not, then perhaps I will look into it with the Emergency Planning Officer to see if something can be done.