

5.13 The Deputy of St. John of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the identification of sites for the recycling of waste materials.

From the response to my written question on 20th June 2011 in which he advised that the response to P.97/2010 Recycling Waste Materials: identification of a suitable site would be presented by the end of June, would the Minister explain the reasons for the delay and when the report will be delivered?

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

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in producing the report. Officers have undertaken a thorough review of all 22 possible sites in public ownership, which took longer than expected. The report is in final draft format to be reviewed this week before seeking political endorsement by the 3 respective Ministers in July.

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5.13.1 The Deputy of St. John:

Given the impact on residents in the area where recycling takes place, would the Minister agree that between his department and that of the S.o.J.D.C. and Planning; I do understand where he is coming from but a fair amount of feet dragging has taken place, in particular to the incident at the site at the top of Bonne Nuit.

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

No. I am well aware of the site at the top of Bonne Nuit, which has been a quarry for many years and obviously has made a lot of noise and, I think, was there long before the houses adjacent were built. In practice it has been a working site for a long time, as the Deputy well knows. I am not confident, I will have to say, that the report will come up with the answers which the Deputy is expecting, because the relocation of the skip-sorting taking place down there is not going to be popular wherever it ends up. While I do not want to reopen the debate, I do anticipate that there will not be an easy answer.