

2.5 Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. Saviour of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding funding for the Energy from Waste plant:

Given that the funding proposition for the Energy from Waste Plant put forward by the Minister for Treasury and Resources and debated in 2008 established funding of £106,310,000, of which £2,080,000 was determined as the required amount for the decommissioning of Bellozanne in 2012, would the Minister advise whether he has had to bid for further funding and, if so, explain why?

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

The Deputy is correct that the budget for decommissioning was in the 2008 budget for £106,310,000 for the Energy from Waste project. This was estimated to be the amount required to decommission the Bellozanne plant when the new La Collette Energy from Waste Plant has been completed. It is known that the final cost of decommissioning will be influenced by the value of steel when the decommissioning is undertaken. It was not possible to put this work out to tender in 2008. The funding has not yet been used and remains in the original budget. It will not be possible to predict whether further funding will be required for this decommissioning until a competitive tendering process has been undertaken.

2.5.1 Deputy T.A. Vallois:

Could the Minister advise when the tendering process will be completed?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

That will be dictated by the signing over of the new plant. Until such time as we are content with its full operation, we cannot decommission the old plant; so we would like to think probably during the course of 2012.

Deputy T.A. Vallois:

Does the Minister have any indicative estimate at this present time?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

No, nothing further than during the course of 2012.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Is there a final supplementary, Deputy? Thank you very much. We come to question 7 which Deputy Le Hérissier will ask of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.