

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY SENATOR B.E. SHENTON
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2011**

Question

Can the Minister confirm that he will implement the recommendations contained within the Committee of Inquiry: Reg's Skips - Planning Applications - Second Report (R.38) in a timely manner, including the adoption of a Code of Conduct for the Minister re Planning Decisions, and, if not, why not?

Answer

The Reg's Skips - Planning Applications - Second Report (R.38) contains a variety of recommendations all of which we will endeavour to implement. However the timescales suggested in the report may not be achievable.

Of particular note is the suggestion of a new appeals system. This is not simply the prerogative of the Planning and Environment Minister and the Court will need to be involved in discussions.

I am more than happy to implement a Ministerial Code of Conduct as soon as I receive the report of the Political Steering Group. I established a Political Steering Group comprising my Assistant Ministers, Deputy Duhamel and Deputy Egre, together with Senator Le Gresley and Deputy Le Herissier. This group will report to me and I will pass their report on to the States.