

2.1 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding a report on the taxi and cab industry:

When will a report on the taxi and cab industry be published and what consultative process, if any, will occur?

Deputy K.C. Lewis (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

The States-approved Sustainable Transport Policy provides a timetable for T.T.S. (Transport and Technical Services) to gather evidence and develop proposals for taxi regulations by 2012 and implement these by 2015. In order to meet this timetable, T.T.S. have undertaken detailed research into the operation of the taxi industry and the quality of customer service it provides. A report into taxi regulation in Jersey is in the process of being finalised and will be issued shortly for consultation with the industry and other relevant interested groups.

2.1.1 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:

Will the Minister tell us what aspects of the J.C.R.A. (Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority) report on the industry have been accepted by his department and what aspects have not been accepted?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I do not have the detailed list with me but I think many, if not all, have been accepted.

2.1.2 Deputy J.H. Young of St. Brelade:

Would the Minister advise the Assembly whether during the consultation period on the new policy, in view of the very old nature of the regulatory law and the policy, is he currently enforcing those very much out of date rules?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

All rules are enforced until they are superseded by new ones.

2.1.3 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:

Could the Minister inform us whether his department will be recommending that all holders of taxi/cab licences must remain resident on the Island and must be active participants in the exercise of their licences?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

That will form part of the consultation which will be going out shortly and I invite the Deputy to reply then.