

4.5 Deputy S. Power of St. Brelade of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the tender to process the Island's scrap metal for the next tender period:

Further to his answer on 12th June this year, can the Minister inform Members why Picot and Rouille Limited, the local company that runs the scrapyards at Bellozanne, was deemed to be an unsuitable company to process the Island's scrap metal for the next tender period and in his words did not come up to the mark? Before he answers the question, I want to thank the Minister for an open and frank question and answer session yesterday at Transport and Technical Services.

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

As Members will appreciate, this is a complex process involving commercially sensitive information. We are also under the conditions of a tender. I would have liked to have provided a full briefing however based on legal advice received I feel it inappropriate to comment any further on the details regarding Picot and Rouille's submission on the floor of this Assembly. To inform Members on the tender process and other circumstances surrounding the environmental issues, property and financial arrangements, I have circulated a more detailed briefing note. I also invited all Members to a face-to-face question and answer session on this matter yesterday afternoon, and I thank all Members that attended. I would like to reassure Members that I am committed to a fair and robust process to renew this contract that will provide the Island with a sustainable waste material service provision for the future. To provide further rigour, I have requested the Treasury to commission an external audit of this process which I can confirm is now under way.

4.5.1 Deputy S. Power:

I thank the Minister and I understand his difficulties. Nonetheless I do have a specific question for the Minister. Under the E.U. Commission End-of-life Vehicle Directive can the Minister confirm whether his assessment and his department's assessment, are they content that the processing of scrap cars as such and the stabilisation of the cars as a non-pollutant is being carried out to best effect by the current contractor?

[10:30]

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I do not think it is wise for me to answer that at this stage.