

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2013**

Question

Is the Minister committed to an Island-wide system of kerbside collection for recyclables; if not, why not and, if so, will he advise when such a system will be available?

Does the Minister accept that having 12 potential recycling schemes running parallel, all offering different services, is not as efficient as having one centralised system?

What does the Minister estimate a realistic cost would be for a centralised, Island wide system of kerb-side collection for recyclables?

Answer

Household kerbside recycling remains a core strategy for my department as it brings recycling directly into people's homes; making it easy to recycle and embedding recycling into everyday life. It has a fundamental part to play in changing behaviour so that the Island as a whole recognises our waste as a resource rather than just rubbish.

Since the Solid Waste Strategy was agreed by the States Assembly in 2005, my department has been working with the Comité des Connétables to implement household kerbside recycling in each Parish. Unfortunately, as the decision to introduce kerbside recycling lies with each individual Parish, I am unable to advise when an Island-wide system will be available but I can reiterate to those Parishes that have not yet provided recycling collections to their residents that my department will provide support in designing, implementing, communicating and monitoring your Parish kerbside collection.

I will acknowledge that the complexity of introducing schemes on a Parish by Parish basis is not an efficient use of officer time within my department and that the differences in recycling collections across Parish boundaries can cause confusion, which only serves as a barrier to using the recycling collections. An Island-wide centralised recycling scheme may be a solution to overcome these failings but it is not an option my department has explored and it would require the support of the Comité des Connétables if it's feasibility and cost are to be investigated.

My department is currently conducting a review of the Solid Waste Strategy (2005) which will be complete by the end of the year. This exercise will assess performance against the 2005 strategy and set out new waste minimisation and recycling targets for the next 5 years. Working in partnership with the Comité des Connétables will continue to be essential if we are to increase sustainable waste management practice on the Island, and so we will invite the Comité to hear our findings and discuss how our strategy can be achieved efficiently so that recycling becomes part of everyday Island life.