

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Question**

Can the Minister confirm that all safety reports for the future use of La Collette have been based on the latest U.K. standards and international regulations applicable to the operation of fuel farms and the areas adjacent to them, published in June 2015, some 10 years after the explosion at Buncefield Oil Storage Depot?

**Answer**

All work at La Collette with a current planning consent, including future developments, has been permissioned in accordance with the relevant UK and International Standards for developments near hazardous installations.

Following the Buncefield explosion in 2005, the States of Jersey commissioned Atkins to undertake an assessment of the risks associated with the major hazard installations and the implications for future land use planning at La Collette. In 2013 the States of Jersey requested that Atkins update the previous overall risk assessment for La Collette to help ensure any planning decisions remained consistent with best practice and decision makers were fully informed of the risks. Consideration was also given to ensure that the integrated total risk associated with all incremental developments over the coming years, on top of existing risks, will remain within acceptable limits and be adequately controlled.

Since the introduction of the international directive Seveso III and implementation of that directive via the UK's COMAH 2015 Regulations, further advice has been sought from Atkins who have indicated that these changes in legislation would not have any significant impact on any of the land use planning studies, previously undertaken by Atkins at La Collette.