

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2019**

Question

Will the Minister advise what investigation, if any, has been undertaken into the impact of the requirement that commercial vehicles be inspected by Driver and Vehicle Standards (D.V.S.) on the viability of commercial vehicle-servicing providers to continue trading; and will he commit to explore the implementation of measures that could be used to help such providers to continue servicing the Island's commercial vehicles?

Answer

The introduction of Annual Roadworthiness Inspections and subsequent development of the Commercial Vehicle Operators licence, is already having and will continue to have a **positive** effect on the viability of the Commercial Vehicle Repair and Maintenance sector. This scheme will compel operators to regularly inspect and maintain their vehicles in adequate facilities (garage/workshop) by competent, trained staff ahead of having them being inspected by DVS.

It should be noted that DVS only carries out Annual Roadworthiness **Inspections** on commercially operated goods vehicles. DVS do not undertake any mechanical work to the vehicles and all vehicles presented for the inspection should have been inspected/maintained by their garage before being presented.

DVS has met with all garages involved in the repair and maintenance of commercially operated goods vehicles and they have been included in all correspondences in relation to the scheme. The feedback received to date from the servicing industry has been overwhelmingly positive.