

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2019**

Question

Will the Minister give a specific date for when real-time air pollution monitoring will be introduced around schools in the Island; and will he state which specific sites will be used for the monitoring to take place and indicate the precise way in which the information will be made accessible by States members and the wider public?

Answer

Following the answer I provided to Oral Question 160 on the 18th June I'm pleased to confirm that real-time air quality sensors will be installed from July and should be in place at every school in the Island before the start of the new term in September. A site survey of each location is being carried out as part of this air quality monitoring project and it is currently not possible to give a specific installation date for each monitor or its precise location.

This is a really exciting project between Environmental Health, Digital Jersey and AirSensa and will result in approximately 300 real-time air quality sensors being installed across the Island. The air quality data provided by these sensors will be accessible to all on the www.gov.je website, will assist in evidence based policy decisions and will better inform Islanders of the air quality around Jersey. It is also envisaged that the data will be available to view on specialist mobile applications as the project develops.

Officers from the Government of Jersey Environmental Health and eco active teams are working on an educational package for schools. This is being piloted now and will allow those schools which choose to take part to monitor air quality around their school, to better understand air quality, pollution issues, and to take part in a citizen science project.