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6 Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the issue of parking for registered carers: (OQ.24/2020)

Given that, at the last States sitting, the Minister stated he would arrange a formal meeting with the Connétable of St. Helier to discuss the issue of parking for registered carers, will the Minister advise whether this meeting has been arranged?

Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I have briefly spoken to the Constable of St. Helier, before he went away on business. Now he is back I will speak to him again. I have also asked for an agenda item with the Comité des Connétables, which they have arranged for March. But I would yet again remind the Deputy, as I have set out in response to her written question W.Q. 43/2020, while I am happy to speak to the Comité about carers this is not part of my official remit. Under Standing Order 9(5), the Deputy should properly be addressing her enquiry to the Chair of the Comité.

4.6.1 Deputy J.H. Perchard:

The Minister strayed slightly from the question at the end there. The question was simply whether he had arranged the formal meeting with the Connétable as he stated he would do to discuss the issue in full. From the Minister's answer it is not clear whether it was just an informal chat, or whether a formal meeting has been arranged; has the formal meeting that he said he would arrange been arranged?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

As I just stated, the Constable has just come back from travelling to the United States and I will speak to him again. I believe - he is either here, or in the coffee room, or maybe in his office, I am not sure - he is back on the Island and I will arrange a meeting with him, but this should be properly sorted out through the Comité des Connétables, a joint response from the Constables themselves.

4.6.2 Deputy G.P. Southern:

Once again, the Minister appears to be ducking any responsibility. Is he saying that there is no responsibility in his Department for parking issues and parking fines at all?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

This is to do with carers parking in and around care homes, which is predominantly in Parish-administered roads. There is also a question whether there are certain housing associations that have their own security arrangements. I know Andium, for instance, where there have been a few issues, employ a local security company to administer their car parks, which is where this question arose in the first place. I have spoken to Andium and they said they were more than happy to look on this on a case-by-case basis.

4.6.3 Deputy G.P. Southern:

I will ask directly then. What responsibility of parking issues and parking fines does his Department have, if any?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

In multi-storey car parks and on main roads.

4.6.4 Deputy J.H. Perchard:

Given the Minister's verbal commitment to arrange a formal meeting with the Constable of St. Helier to discuss the issue, will he update the Assembly on when this meeting will take place?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

As soon as I have spoken to the Constable of St. Helier and I will also be having a meeting, as I said, in March with the Comité des Connétables.