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10 Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the No. 19 bus service (OQ.321/2020):

Following the Minister's statement to the Assembly in June that discussions are ongoing with regards to the trial No. 19 bus service allowing passengers to access the town centre via Library Place with a stop at the Le Sueur Obelisk, will the Minister give an update as to when this service will be implemented?

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

As I explained in my answer to Oral Question 221, I can confirm that discussions that took place with LibertyBus over the summer identified that any extension of service 19 could not be accommodated within the existing bus schedules and driver duties, therefore, it would be necessary to deploy additional resources at considerable extra operational cost. But as it is unlikely that any rise in fare revenues would result from altering service in this way, LibertyBus are unable to absorb these increases and my department has insufficient budget to cover any additional expenditure on adding to the bus service. Nevertheless, I have committed to meet with the Constable and LibertyBus in the near future to see what might be achieved.

4.10.1 Deputy I. Gardiner:

Would the Minister explain how many extra minutes would add to the road and what the cost will be and why this small matter, which is so important for the senior citizens especially and people who have limited ability to have taken more than 5 months?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

The actual cost to my department would be approximately £2,100 per week. Timing wise would be about 10 to 12 minutes for the bus to make the circular route. But because if it was tagged, for instance, on to an existing service, that would add 10 minutes to every single run of that particular bus. It would need to have a dedicated service and, as I say, that would cost approximately £2,100 a week.