## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021

## **Question**

Given that the United Kingdom (U.K.) Government is changing the signage needed abroad on vehicles registered in the U.K. from 'GB' to 'U.K.' by 28th September 2021, will the Minister advise what proposals, if any, he will be bringing forward for Jersey-registered vehicles?

## Answer

The Minister will not be bringing forward any proposals to change the distinguishing sign selected for display in international traffic on vehicles registered in Jersey.

The distinguishing sign will remain "GBJ" as notified to the Secretary General of the United Nations for the purposes of Article 20(1) and Annex 4 of the Geneva Convention on Road Traffic 1949 and Article 46(3) and Annex 3 of the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic 1968.

When the UK notified the Secretary General of the United Nations on 28th June 2021 that the UK is changing the distinguishing sign it had previously selected for display in international traffic on vehicles registered in the UK from "GB" to "UK" with effect from 28 September 2021, it stated that:

"this change will apply only to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and will not extend to any territories for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible".

My officers are meeting with the Department of Transport (DFT) early next week to ensure that this is highlighted in a separate communication from the DFT to all EU jurisdictions to allay any concerns Islanders may have that the GBJ distinguishing sign displayed by Jersey registered vehicles whilst circulating abroad may not be continued to be recognised by those jurisdictions.