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11 Deputy T.A. Coles of the Minister for the Environment regarding the carbon neutral road map (OQ. 90/2022)

When will the Minister bring forward a scheme to support households to convert to low-carbon heating systems, as per policy HT1 in the carbon neutral road map?

Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade (The Minister for the Environment):

The short answer to the Deputy is by the end of the year at the latest. But to put a little more flesh on the bones, the carbon neutral road map policy HT1 supporting low-carbon heating systems at home insulation says that an incentive scheme to subsidise the replacement of fossil fuel heating systems with non-fossil fuel heating systems will be established and commenced by the end of 2022. This policy was agreed by the last Government and the next step is for this new Government to define the details of this policy. I have delegated responsibility for the energy and climate portfolio to Deputy Jeune and together we are working closely with officers on the detailed design of the policy. The intention is to announce final details of the scheme by the end of 2022 and open it for applications as soon as possible thereafter.

9.11.1 Deputy T.A. Coles:

Will the Minister be able to confirm that though the responsibility has been designated to his Assistant that the main Minister will not be putting any budgetary roadblocks in their way?

Deputy J. Renouf:

I am not sure I recognise the distinction he is drawing there. Deputy Jeune does have delegated responsibility for this area. We work together as a team and I shall certainly not be putting any roadblocks in the way. I do not think you could find 2 more diligent and determined Ministers in terms of pursuing the carbon neutral road map in this Assembly.