

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 31st JANUARY 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister state the estimated date for when the £20 annual bus pass for young people aged 18 and under (as agreed in the Government Plan 2022-2025) will be made available?”

Answer

Work has commenced to bring forward these changes, and my officers have been liaising closely with LibertyBus to develop a scheme, which involves the configuration of a new smartcard pass by an external supplier. Certain aspects have yet to be finalised, however the objective remains to achieve a commencement date on or before the deadline of the 31st March 2022 set by the Amendment to the Government Plan.

It is envisaged that the travel passes for this new concession will be offered for purchase in late February or early March, but because several thousand applications are expected, it will be necessary to spread the administration over the weeks leading up to the scheme start date.