

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023**

Question

Will the Minister advise, in respect of the routine emission testing of diesel vehicles in Jersey, what –

- (a) Will be the timeline for this process;
- (b) facility will be used; and
- (c) will be the estimated cost to vehicle owners?

Answer

Vehicle emission testing is currently undertaken by Driver and Vehicle Standards for all commercially operated goods vehicles exceeding 3500kg Gross Vehicle Weight and all Public Service Vehicles (buses and taxicabs) as part of their Annual Roadworthiness Inspection.

It is intended that emission testing will be extended to other categories of vehicles as part of the Periodic Technical Inspection (PTI) requirement introduced by P.109/2018 the extension to Jersey of the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic 1968.

Work on this has been delayed as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic, which continues to impact upon the programme.

- (a) The timeline for the introduction of PTIs is dependent upon completion of the supporting activities including a review of the Island's vehicle registration data, finalising an operational model, the establishment of a suitable site and securing implementation budget through the Government Plan process. The programme for this work is under development. Once introduced, the PTI process will extend emissions testing to all relevant vehicles below 3500kg.
- (b) Work to identify potential testing sites is at an early stage and, as Minister, I am mindful that any investment in a testing centre must maximise efficiency and value for money. I therefore plan to take a wider approach that includes this facility in a consolidation of Infrastructure Department Operations and Transport estate over the longer term.
- (c) There will be no separate cost for emission testing. It will form part of the PTI inspection fee.