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Dear Rob

**EXPORT OF WASTE TO JERSEY**

The Public Services Department is making progress with the implementation of the revised waste strategy as approved by the States last year.

As you know, the new strategy includes the export of residual waste for recovery in an off-Island facility and the Department is actively exploring the possibility of sending its waste to Jersey for this purpose. Such an arrangement would make sense from a logistical perspective as well as furthering the spirit of co-operation and joint working that politicians in both Islands are very keen to pursue.

I am aware that the principle of Jersey's accepting imported waste from another jurisdiction has to be approved by the States of Jersey in accordance with Resolution P17/2010. I also know that, as Minister for Planning and Environment, you have functions under the Waste Management (Jersey) Law, 2005 requiring or giving you the power, in specified circumstances, to object to imports of waste.

The Public Services Department has been directed by the States of Guernsey to submit full proposals for the export of waste to the Policy Council no later than 30 September 2013. In effect, this report will be the basis of a report to the States of Guernsey for consideration in December 2013. As you will no doubt appreciate, it would be very useful – and arguably essential – to understand Jersey's formal position regarding acceptance of imported waste before proposals are submitted to the States of Guernsey.

Whilst I realise it is the responsibility of the Transport and Technical Services Minister to put the matter before the States of Jersey, given that you are a key decision maker, I thought it would be sensible to try to ascertain your position ahead of any States debates in either Island.

Guernsey currently sends approximately 33,000 tonnes of residual waste to its landfill site at Mont Cuet. The waste strategy is predicated on high levels of waste minimisation and recycling, with the intention being to remove as much as possible from the waste stream before exporting the remaining residual waste for recovery elsewhere.

It is anticipated that as the implementation of the strategy progresses, culture and behaviours will change, potentially backed up by various legislative powers. Consequently as time goes by the expectation is that tonnages sent for export will reduce. The starting position will be that dry recyclables and food waste will be collected via kerbside collections. Food waste will then be processed and the resulting compost applied to land, thus reducing the need to import inorganic fertilisers. Recyclables collected at the kerbside, plus others extracted in a Materials Recovery Facility will be sent off Island for recycling as happens at present. The main recycling streams currently consist of the following materials:

- Paper
- Card
- Tins and cans (inc. foil & aerosols)
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- WEEE (inc. fluorescent lamps)
- Batteries
- Expanded polystyrene
- Plastic packaging
- Rigid plastics
- Tetrapaks
- Textiles
- Pallets
- Tyres
- Mineral and vegetable oil
- Printer cartridges
- Glass
- Green waste

All of these apart from the last two are currently exported to the UK for further processing and recycling. Once suitable infrastructure is in place, food waste will be added to this list. In addition to the above the Department also provides facilities for inert waste in the form of its land reclamation site at Longue Hougue.

It is anticipated that when export commences in 2015 approximately 28,000 tonnes of residual waste will remain, with as much as practicable of the above materials removed.

Assuming that infrastructure is in place and a high proportion of recyclables is being extracted from Guernsey's waste as outlined above, it would be extremely helpful to understand what your likely stance would be regarding acceptance of imported waste from Guernsey. Please rest assured that I am not seeking to fetter your discretion when this matter is debated by the States of Jersey and I fully appreciate that you are at liberty to act as you see fit, within the confines of the law, at that time. Nevertheless, in order to maintain momentum on this key work stream it would be much appreciated if you could give an indication of your likely response.

Given the time frame for completing the report to Guernsey's Policy Council, a response by 31 March 2013 would be very much appreciated.

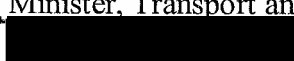
I look forward to hearing from you in due course but in the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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