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Dear members of the Youth Parliament,

Re: Letter dated 25 February 2022

Thank you for your letter dated the 25th February. The Minister for the Environment will provide a joint response on our behalf to questions 1, 3 and 4.

Response to Question 2: How has the youth perspective impacted on your decisions since our last presentation in September 2021?

Firstly, I wish to congratulate the members involved with the Carbon Neutral Roadmap consultation response, especially concerning transport policies. The voice of future generations in this debate will be extremely important, and I hope all States Members find time to read this response before the Carbon Neutral Roadmap is debated next month.

Jersey Youth Parliament asked Government to lead by example so here are some examples from my department's decarbonisation programme:

- **Increase the number of Electric Vehicles**

IHE will take the lead with fleet decarbonisation in 2022. This will commence in Q2 of 2022 with the 1-year lease cars replacement with Electric Vehicles. Jersey Fleet Management vehicles will be replaced at the next cycle, where suitable to ensure best value for the Government.

- **Policy**

A new policy for purchasing and using Electric Vehicles cars by default will be developed.

- **Prioritising Vehicle Replacements Efficiently**

A vehicle phasing plan will be produced to identify where reductions and efficiencies can be made within the fleet and to prioritise which vehicles should be changed to Electric Vehicles first to provide best long-term benefits for Government.

- **Preparing charging infrastructure**

A plan is to be developed to assess requirements for new charging infrastructure to ensure that when Electric Vehicles are purchased, the equipment required to get best value is in place.

- **Gathering better data**

Investigation of new vehicle management software will commence to ensure that data and vehicle telematics can help us demonstrate the progress we are making and ensure we are targeting the big wins.

If the Carbon Neutral Roadmap is approved, it will be for the next Minister for Infrastructure to implement the transport recommendations set out in the roadmap. I'm sure you will agree the next Minister has an enormous challenge ahead of them, so I have done what I can to put in motion policies and legislation to enable this.

- **The Second Interim Report on the Sustainable Transport Policy**

The second interim report on the Sustainable Transport Policy was published in December 2021. The Interim Report provided updates on the Government commitments to the principles outlined in the Sustainable Transport Policy.

The report is comprised of two parts an update on strategic issues and update on delivery. The update on strategic issues includes:

- the wider context of public consultation on the Rapid Plan
- how the Sustainable Transport Policy links to the draft Carbon Neutral Roadmap
- recently delivered public engagement exercises

Most importantly, it raises the issue of integrated delivery and opportunities for development in order to achieve the Sustainable Transport Policy vision.

The update on delivery builds on the progress made in each of the rapid plans, including;

- Active Travel Plan
- Bus Service Development Plan
- Parking Plan
- Mobility and a Service

In particular, the report highlights two pieces of research that are published alongside the report. The research offers new insights in the scale and nature of the sustainable transport challenges and opportunities on the Island. These includes the Active Travel Plan – Primary Evidence Base.

Please see below links to these reports:

[Second Interim Report on the Sustainable Transport Policy 20211221 JB.pdf \(gov.ie\)](#)

[Mobility as a Service](#)

[Active Travel Primary Evidence Report](#)

- **Discounted Parking for Low Emission Vehicles**

Part of the ongoing effort by my department to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is through the implementation of the Sustainable Transport Policy and offering half price or free parking in car parks to vehicles which are fully electric or plug in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) with emissions of 50 grams CO2 per kilometre travelled or less.

The scheme first launched in 2008 has proved to be successful. For the reason and I have extended the current scheme for a further period until 31st December 2022.

- **Island Road Safety Review**

The [Island Road Safety Review](#) presented to States Assembly in December 2021 sets the scene for a full, detailed Road Safety Strategy which will be brought forward in 2022. Further Improvements to road safety support Active Travel.

- **Review of the Road Law**

in March 2021 I signed a Ministerial Decision entitled [Road Transport Legislation: Review, Update and Drafting \(gov.ie\)](#). The Road Law review will consider ways to facilitate carbon neutrality in Jersey by introducing measures to facilitate active travel (e.g. safe walking and cycling) and the use of other ultra-low and zero emission vehicles referred to in the document 'A Framework for a Sustainable Transport System 2020-2030'. The aim of the review is to create futureproof primary legislation that supports sustainable transport into the future by incorporating known / anticipated requirements and by providing a framework that is adaptable over time to take account of rapid technological developments.

- **Waste Strategy**

The vacant post of Recycling Manager was successfully filled in November 2021. The Recycling Manager will work closely with the Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance team to support the production of the updated Island Waste Strategy.

With the relaxation of working restrictions visits to the HRRC and La Collette site have been taking place and many more are booked to support engagement with the public and schools. This helps to spread awareness of what can be recycled and why it is important in reducing the overall levels of waste in the Island.

Access to kerbside recycling collections continues to be supported by IHE with 3 of the 4 remaining Parishes starting collections during 2022, and the Recycling Manager supporting these Parishes during the implementation and delivery of the services.

Green Number Plates

I am pleased to report that, providing the Carbon Neutral Roadmap is approved, A green 'flash' on the number plates for Electric Vehicles will likely be the first recommendation from the roadmap to be enacted. This is thanks to the preliminary work already completed by Driver Vehicle & Standards.

Whilst I accept the Youth Parliament has urged States Members to accelerate the roadmap, I hope your members will acknowledge the work already underway as evidence of my commitment to moving towards a Carbon Neutral future.

Yours sincerely,



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