

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE *FOR THE*  
ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE  
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE  
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY L. QUERPEL**

**Question 1**

**Can you tell me please whether or not your committee have discussed the issue of only permitting Silent Fireworks to be used here in the island?**

**Answer**

Yes. The Committee requested a briefing on measures to protect livestock and domestic animals from fireworks from the Chief Officer of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) to enable it to take an informed position on the matter. Following advice from HSE, the Director of Environmental Health and Pollution Regulation provided the Committee with a verbal update.

**Question 2**

**If you have, then are you able please to tell me the outcome of those discussions?**

**Answer**

No official decisions have been made on this matter.

**Question 3**

**If you haven't then can you tell me please if you have any plans to do so?**

**Answer**

Whilst the Committee is mindful of and sympathetic to concerns in the community, and whilst officers continue to monitor developments in firework technology, the Committee is also mindful of the need to focus its finite resources first and foremost on the States of Guernsey's agreed priorities, which do not currently include changes to fireworks legislation. This would be quite a significant piece of work to undertake.

Fireworks are unlikely to constitute a statutory nuisance, so if legislation is prioritised, it is most likely to be addressed from an animal welfare point of view. The Committee continues to listen to advice from officers and animal welfare charities. The President is due to meet with the States Vet, Director of Environmental Health and Pollution Regulation, and representatives from the 'PAWS' Protection Project (a dedicated project promoting animal welfare and education) at the end of December 2024. This discussion will include the use of silent fireworks.

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