

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
TO QUESTIONS POSED BY DEPUTY QUERPEL PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

There was an article published in the Guernsey Press on November 5th headed 'Smoke on the beach? Trust in talks with States on a ban'. As I'm sure you already know, the Trust referred to in the article is the Clean Earth Trust. So in relation to the content of the article, can you please answer the following questions.

The Health Improvement Commission conducted a survey earlier this year asking the public's view on various tobacco control measures, including a potential smoking ban on beaches among other things. Public Health Services are undertaking a literature review while the results of the survey continue to be analysed. Once these workstreams have been completed, the findings and recommendations will be presented to the Committee for its consideration.

At present, as there are currently no plans to introduce a smoking ban on beaches, it is not possible to provide further information at this time.

- 1. If this ban to forbid smoking on a beach is introduced here in the island, are you able please to tell me how will it be policed?**

It is not currently possible to answer this question.

- 2. If this ban is introduced, what will the fine be for people who are caught?**

It is not currently possible to answer this question.

- 3. If this ban is introduced, will the fine be an 'on the spot' fine or will a court case ensue?**

It is not currently possible to answer this question.

- 4. If this ban is introduced, are you able please to tell me what the total cost of introducing it will be?**

It is not currently possible to answer this question.

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Date of response: 26th November 2024