

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 12 January 2026

Question from: Jeanette Hunton

Question to: Councillor Patient, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Action and Housing

QUESTION

Given your answer was that "The issue of transcribing was ongoing during the period you have referred to", this being July 2024 through to December 2024, you have confirmed that the 2025 Air Quality Annual Status Report was incorrect in stating that "Before improvements were made in March 2024, it was common for site codes to be incorrectly transcribed" and that the response to my FOI EIR request (reference EIR 53221) was also incorrect in stating the process of assigning some measurements to the best estimate of the Site IDs stopped in March 2024 and described the improvements made in March 2024 as "The data sheets are all now computer generated rather than hand written so there can be no discrepancies of location. Tube numbers now always remain the same for each location rather than changing".

Can you confirm that the statement made in the 2025 Air Quality Annual Status Report and the response I received to my FOI EIR were incorrect and whether the 2025 Air Quality Annual Status Report will be corrected?

Response

It appears there has been some confusion in responses for which I sincerely apologise. The information has been reviewed in conjunction with the air quality consultant and the improvements to process were made in March 2024 as originally stated.

As such the missing data at SBAQ was solely down to lack of access to the diffusion tubes within the cage and not a combination of both lack of access and transcribing issues.