



WRITTEN QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR WARREN

The new weighbridge that has been installed at Buckie Harbour is still not yet operational, with lorries having to find an alternative service provider, which is causing inconvenience and added time for drivers. There are also concerns regarding the ease and safety for larger lorries to be able to drive directly off once weighed, using the new bridge. Can you confirm how long lorries have been unable to use this facility, what the issues are that are causing the delay, the expected timeline for the opening of the weighbridge and that it will be suitable for all sizes of lorries to drive on/drive off in a safe manner?

RESPONSE

The final verification of the new weighbridge was programmed for w/c 12 June, however the Council was unable to complete the calibration, as the equipment required to undertake the necessary tests was not available. An alternative date for this work to be undertaken is currently being scheduled.

Following the installation of the weighbridge a number of test runs were undertaken to assess safe use for HGVs. These tests were largely successful. Currently, plans are being drawn up to undertake additional test runs using HGV's of various sizes, weight and type, to confirm that it is safe and operational for use for vehicles that will be using the weighbridge on a regular basis.