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To Assembly Members

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Dear Assembly Member

During Plenary on 21 May, Mark Isherwood AM asked if consideration could be given to issuing temporary Blue Badges and I wanted to update all Members on this issue.

I appreciate that individuals with a temporary condition that severely limits their mobility would see benefits from access to a Blue Badge, but that has to be balanced against the needs of existing Badge holders. Blue Badges are issued to people who face life long barriers in accessing services and facilities.

There is also a real issue with ensuring that Badges are returned once a temporary condition has improved and ensuring that the Badge is not misused. The Expert Review Group did give some consideration to the scope to issue Badges for temporary conditions but considered that this might not be appropriate, particularly where recovery is dependent on exercise and increased mobility.

This is an area where further work is required and I have asked my officials to explore this matter, including the suggestion of introducing Badges with shorter time limits.

I will update Members once I have further information.