**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2009**

Question

Would the Minister please supply the following information -

How many litres of diesel have been supplied duty free for marine leisure use annually for the past 5 years?

How many litres of petrol have been supplied duty free for marine leisure use annually for the past 5 years?

How many litres of petrol have been supplied duty free for commercial use annually for the past 5 years?

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Answer

The Customs and Immigration Service does not hold specific data for the type of relief that is granted for diesel as relief is available for all non-road use e.g. heating oil. However, the quantity of diesel put to marine use is recorded by the Statistics Unit of the Chief Minister's Department.

The Service does hold data for the relief of excise duty granted on petrol for marine use but does not record specifically whether this petrol is put to private or commercial use.

For the 2006 consultation on relief from duty for marine use fuels, with reference to data held the Service obtained information from local marine fuel suppliers and calculated the following proportions existed in 2005:

- Petrol put to marine use: 80% private marine use, 20% commercial marine use.
- Diesel put to marine use: 56% private marine use, 44% commercial marine use.

The data available from the Customs and Immigration Service shows that the following quantities of petrol were supplied duty free for marine use:	The data available from the Statistics Unit of the Chief Minister's Department shows that the following quantities of diesel were supplied for marine use:
2004 = 555,731 litres	2004 = 2,684,704 litres
2005 = 617,670 litres	2005 = 2,550,586 litres
2006 = 500,750 litres	2006 = 2,244,704 litres
2007 = 552,600 litres	2007 = 2,175,293 litres
2008 = 506,750 litres	2008 = 2,259,998 litres