

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE
BY DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2017**

Question

Will the Minister list all Ministerial Orders, Regulations and other legislation he has been responsible for since taking office which he can demonstrate has had a tangible effect in promoting economic growth?

Answer

In addition to legislative developments, the Department has responsibility for a number of internal (Locate Jersey) and external agencies (e.g. Visit Jersey, Jersey Business, Genuine Jersey) whose sole focus is generating economic growth in Jersey. We also work daily with other Departments and third parties on a wide range of non-legislative developments to create opportunities for Jersey businesses to exploit.

Regulations

- Licensing (No. 18) (Jersey) Regulations 2016

Allowed pubs to open until 1am on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th June 2016 to mark the Queen's official 90th birthday.

Orders

- Tourism (General Provisions) (Amendment No.19) (Jersey) Order 2015

A small-scale red tape removal initiative to provide hotels and guest houses greater flexibility regarding dining provision

- Tourism (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 20) (Jersey) Order 2016

A further small-scale red tape removal initiative to remove a duplicate record keeping requirement affecting tourist accommodation providers

- Shops (Regulation of Opening) (Special Occasions) (Jersey) Order 2015

Specifically designed to build on the success of the existing Fête de Noué and pre-Christmas Sunday trading arrangements and boost the retail industry by allowing all shops to compete unencumbered with internet retailers.

The Deputy may not be aware that my portfolio extends far beyond the direct creation of economic growth and into the area of sectoral regulation, which underpins an efficient and effective economy. I am also responsible for consumer protection and other areas of social and economic benefit. Administrative legislation such as fee Orders are also required –

Laws

- Aircraft (Registration) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 2016

The amendment to the Aircraft Registration (Jersey) Law 2014 allows for a Qualified Person to be removed from registration where circumstances require. The intention of this amendment is to allow

for the JAR to, in due course, accept registrations from Qualified Persons who are not simply Jersey incorporated entities

- Aircraft Registration and Air Navigation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201-

This made provisions related to the Air Navigation (Jersey) Law required as consequence of the establishment of the Jersey Aircraft Registry.

Regulations

- Financial Services Ombudsman (Case-fee and Levy) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 2015

Postponed the end of equal splitting of the Ombudsman costs between Jersey and Guernsey to the end of 2018. Also to ensure the levy scheme can provide for levy notices to be served on representatives of financial service providers in appropriate circumstances.

- Aircraft Registration (Births, Deaths and Missing Persons) (Jersey) Regulations 2015

Required the owner of an aircraft registered in Jersey to inform the Registrar about births or deaths in the aircraft, to meet international standards.

- Shipping (Fishing Vessels Safety Codes of Practice) (Jersey) Regulations 2015

Updated the regime for Safety Provisions on fishing vessels to maintain standards of safety awareness, equipment, training and drills in what is traditionally a dangerous industry.

- Price Indicators (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 2016

Amended the Regulations to allow newspapers to be printed and sold in Jersey without breaking GST rules.

- Policing of Beaches (Amendment No. 11) (Jersey) Regulations 2016

Removed special status of fishing gear under the Regulations – to assist Planning and Environment in controlling fishing to protect bass stocks.

Orders

- Shipping (Fishing Vessels Safety Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2015

Following the passage of the Shipping (Fishing Vessels Safety Codes of Practice) (Jersey) Regulations 2015 the Order was amended to apply only to vessels outside the scope of the Safety Codes.

- Sea Fisheries (Spider Crabs - Restrictions on Fishing) (Jersey) Order 2015

This Order was required under the Sea Fisheries (Miscellaneous Provisions)(Amendment No.6)(Jersey) Regulations 2014 (R&O84/2014) to provide better protection for spider crabs in local waters.

- Air and Sea Ports (Suspension of Licence Requirements) (Jersey) Order 2015

Following the approval of the Air and Sea Ports (Incorporation) (Jersey) Law 2015, any organisation conducting 'port operations' required a licence to do so. The incorporation plan allowed for a grace period in order to allow CICRA to licence the entity.

- Financial Services Ombudsman (Eligible Complaints) (Jersey) Order 2015

This Order makes further provision as to the eligibility of complainants under Article 8 of the Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 2014.

- Gambling (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Order 2015

Pursuant to Article 5(4) of the Gambling (Jersey) Law 2012, an Order was made amending the provisions of Article 5(3)(c) of the 2012 Law to fill an inadvertent lacuna in the current legislative framework.

- Financial Services Ombudsman (Exempt Business) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 2015

This Order amended Article 3(2)(a) of the Order, which relates to exemption of occupational pension business when carried on by an employer as incidental to the employer's principal business. The effect of the amendment is that such business is not exempt where the employer carries on any other relevant pension business.

- Aircraft Registration (Nationality and Registration Marks) (Jersey) Order 2015

This amendment was intended to broaden the appeal of the Registration Marks available to potential clients considering registering their aircraft on the Jersey Aircraft Registry.

- Economic Development (2016 Fees) (Jersey) Order 2015

This applied an RPI increase to the fees charged in 2016 under EDD legislation

- Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (2017 Fees) (Jersey) Order 2016

This applied an RPI increase to the fees charged in 2017 under EDTSC legislation.

- Aircraft Registration (Nationality and Registration Marks) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 2016

Partially derestricted the use of the letters I, O and S in ZJ registration numbers.

- Aircraft Registration (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Order 2016

This amendment was intended to broaden the appeal of the Registration Marks available to potential clients considering registering their aircraft on the Jersey Aircraft Registry.

- Aircraft Registration (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2015

The Order sets the fees chargeable and payable in respect of registrations, rectifications, cancellations, discharges, copies, extracts and inspections relating to aircraft registration.