

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2017**

Question

Will the Minister provide members with an update concerning the Jersey Aircraft Registry, indicating in particular –

- (a) how many aircraft are now on the Registry, including details of any new aircraft registered since the last States question on this subject (Written Question 1(339));
- (b) whether there are any issues with any of the service providers to the Registry and, if so, what those issues are and when were they became known about; and
- (c) what plans, if any, the Minister has to secure a financially viable and sustainable reputable future for the Register and, in particular, how he proposes to recover the investment his Department has already made in this project?

Answer

- (a) One. No new aircraft have been registered.
- (b) There are not at present any issues with service providers to the Registry.
- (c) Discussions are ongoing regarding the future of the Registry and there remains a need to maintain confidentiality at this stage. The Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will make an announcement once the discussions are concluded. This is not an industry which operates on short timescales. The contract between SGI and Guernsey, for instance, is a 30-year agreement. It is therefore imperative that we take time to ensure that we secure the right long term solution for Jersey.

The Assembly has never been informed that the investment to establish the Jersey Aircraft Registry would be recouped. P.62/2014 agreed by the previous Assembly stated that, once established, that the Registry would be cost neutral to the States not that the investment agreed by the Assembly to establish the Register would be repaid. It has always been accepted that the benefits of a successful aircraft register will be in the ancillary benefits to Jersey's professional services and aviation sectors not in direct benefit to the States.