

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2018**

Question

Within the last 5 years, has the States, or any States-owned entity such as the Ports of Jersey, made any form of charge for any vessel under their control assisting another vessel, including taking such vessel under tow?

If so, will the Minister identify, by year, the number of occasions and the total amount charged in each year?

Answer

Over the past five years Ports of Jersey vessels have assisted other vessels with towage on 452 occasions. These can be placed into two categories:- routine in Harbour towage to commercial vessels (357)* and Search and Rescue tasking by Jersey Coastguard to both commercial and non-commercial vessels (95).

In Harbour towage is assistance normally by the Duke of Normandy to Ro Ro vessels entering Elizabeth Harbour in inclement weather but also includes tanker movements, special project such as delivery of the west link span and inner harbour movements by the Halcyon. These movements are charged hourly as per the published Harbour Commercial Tariff.

Search and Rescue tasking are those arranged through Jersey Coastguard, although most of these involve routine towage of vessels back to Harbour which have experienced mechanical issues or other non-urgent problems. Over the past five years there have been no charges for any of these. Search and Rescue tasking by response vessel type are available publically on gov.je **

Year	Harbour Towage	Revenue	SAR Tasking	Revenue
2013**	55	£31,229.33	21	0
2014	47	£33,589.99	23	0
2015*	84	£69,522.90	17	0
2016*	111	£84,423.31	23	0
2017	60	£33,485.00	11	0

Notes

* This includes a number of Guernsey Assists 2015/2016 when the Goodwill only had one bow thruster.

**The only exception is the fishing vessel Corentine in February 2013, technically not a Jersey Coastguard tasking as she was outside Jersey Territorial Waters (just south of Sark) but a commercial tow was arranged between Faulkner fisheries and Marine Services. This was charged as per the published tariff. Total charge for nine hours was £2,767.80.