

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HARBOURS AND AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 29th APRIL 2003 BY SENATOR P.V.F. LE CLAIRE**

**Question**

In response to a question by the Deputy of St. John on 1st April 2003, the President stated 'However, it is also my understanding that Condor Ferries have supplied information on route viability, but Emeraude Lines have not. I cannot speculate on the reasons for this.'

- (a) Would the President confirm that Emeraude Lines offered the information that would be required to understand the viability of the route or otherwise and indeed extended invitations to the Committee and others to view it?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, why was it not sought?

**Answer**

Emeraude Lines did agree to provide information for the independent consultancy study commissioned by the Jersey Transport Authority and the Harbours and Airport Committee, as far back at the spring of 2002. They did not do so.

Further opportunity was given upon being invited to comment on the Condor Application. Additionally, early this year the Director of the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority, (JCRA), visited Paris to meet the chairman of Emeraude Lines SA with, it is understood, the intention of obtaining formal agreement to provide information. However, we have been informed that this agreement was only signed shortly before the publication of the JCRA Report in February of this year. To date, no such information has been provided.

On March 18th of this year, the same date that the Committee was scheduled to reconvene to consider the Condor Application, a letter dated the same day was hand delivered by Emeraude stating that the company were 'waiting' to submit evidence to the JCRA for the scoping study.

However, the JCRA scoping study was published in June 2002, when it had been hoped that both this and the consultant's study would have had the information promised.