

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2004

Question

Would the President inform members –

- (a) whether the ongoing matter of the Jersey Fishing fleet, who have applied to fish in Guernsey waters, has been resolved, thereby enabling Jersey Fishermen to fish in Guernsey waters, and, if not, would he advise what actions the Committee is taking to progress matters, and, in particular, to pursue the legal action if necessary? and,
- (b) whether the fishing industry is to receive any aid to cover losses of earnings?

Answer

- (a) The Guernsey Fishing Vessel licensing scheme was found to be ultra vires in the 3 – 12 mile zone around Guernsey but is active in the 0 – 3 mile limit. Any Jersey fishing vessel may again fish in the 3 – 12 mile band while 11 successful applicants may also fish in the 0 – 3 mile limit.

The issue is not resolved and the Committee is actively involved in discussions with the relevant Committee in Guernsey. The Committee is not taking legal action concerning this matter.

- (b) The Industry is not in the process of receiving States aid to cover loss of earnings, however it is for individuals to decide whether to take action in the Guernsey courts.