

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE HARBOURS AND AIRPORT COMMITTEE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2005

Question

“Would the President inform members –

- (a) why the Committee has introduced Airport parking charges for some commercial transport providers, such as coach companies but not to others such as Connex, private hire or taxis, rather than introduce a level playing field for all?
- (b) why the Committee chose to revoke card passes to coach companies during August (2005) rather than at a time out of the main tourist season when negotiations might cause less impact on the travelling public? and,
- (c) whether the Committee will review the matter and put in place a level playing field for all commercial users at the Airport?”

Answer

“(a) Charges for all users of the short and long-term car parks were introduced in 2003 subsequent to the States approving projet P.198.2002. Any coach, bus, private hire vehicle, taxi or private vehicle using these facilities, subject to very minor exceptions, is liable for this charge. Therefore, the level playing now exists whereas before 2003 it did not.

The Committee would wish to make a modest charge for the facilities provided and maintained for the taxis and cabs at Jersey Airport but feels at this time unable to do so because the technology is not yet available at a cost effective price and a surcharge is already made on taxis as approved by the Home Affairs Committee.

It is not the Committee’s intention to charge the public bus service.

- (b) No card passes were revoked during August 2005 nor at any other time.
- (c) The Committee will continue to keep the matter under review.”