

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

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2005

Question

Would the President inform members –

- (a) whether the Committee decided to change the chairmanship of the Harbours and Airport Committee and Marine Traders meetings and, if so, when was this agreed and by whom, who will continue to Chair these meetings, when was this appointment effective, and what part, if any, does the Chief Executive/Harbour Master now play at these meetings?
- (b) whether the appointment in (a) above followed consultation with Marine Traders and, if not, whether the Committee is satisfied that there is no conflict of interest involving this appointment?
- (c) what consideration, if any, was given by the Committee to the range of candidates and their qualifications suitable for the Chairmanship?
- (d) whether the Port Users, the Marine Traders and the Marine Users will be consulted in any new make-up of any new board being considered by the Harbours and Airport Committee for the incorporation of Jersey Harbours? and,
- (e) whether any negotiations have been held with prospective candidates regarding the new Chairmanship of the proposed new board and, if so, why have the States not been notified?

Answer

(a), (b) and (c)

“No change has been made. When the Committee meets with any delegation the President of the Harbours and Airport Committee or, in his absence, the Vice-President, retains chairmanship of the meeting. The Chief Executive and Harbourmaster supports the Committee in the same way as every other Chief Officer;

- (d) the establishment of a new Board cannot and will not take place until incorporation is implemented. At the appropriate time, the Committee/Minister will aim to have any appointments made in line with the Jersey Appointments Commission’s procedures and in accordance with due process required by the States of Jersey;
- (e) no negotiations have taken place.”