

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER 2006

Question

- (a) In his statement to the Assembly on 8th November 2006 following the strike by airport security staff the Assistant Minister stated that it was necessary to review the contract with the provider with a view to “ensuring future contractual arrangements are more robust”. Would the Minister explain to members what he meant by this statement?
- (b) The Assistant Minister also stated that such services “could be fulfilled in house in the future”. Will the Minister undertake to bring an assessment of this option to the Assembly?

Answer

- (a) I would first correct the Deputy that the statement to which he refers was made in the House on 22th November, 2006, the day of industrial action by G4S Aviation Services staff at Jersey Airport. The appraisal of the current G4S contract is a natural consequence of the action taken by security staff on 22 November, 2006, and a precursor to any decisions which will need to be taken as the current contract with G4S reaches its end date in 2009.

Following the appointment of Julian Green as Director, Jersey Airport is undertaking a root and branch review of all areas of its operations. A Strategic document “Jersey Airport Future Directions”, published recently outlined the key findings of this review. As part of the work the Airport continues to evaluate options for the provision of security services. This will include, but not be limited to, the evaluation of an in-house option for such services.

- (b) I am pleased to confirm to the house that I will be keep Members informed of the progress of our strategy plans, including any assessment we make with regard to our future security requirements.