

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2007

Question

- (a) Would the Minister advise members whether, on 20th June 2007 when the Library and Educational Charity Ship Logos II was docking in Jersey, the starboard bow of the ship hit the Victoria Quay, causing damage to some land ties adjacent to the cement pump housing location and dragging a harbour crane along the Victoria Quay for some distance and then the ship allegedly reversed into the former harbour workboat, Duchesse of Normandie ?
- (b) Would the Minister confirm whether any employees of Jersey Harbours were on the bridge of Logos II during this alleged incident, and if so, what role they were performing?
- (c) Can the Minister confirm whether a Jersey qualified Port Pilot was on board the ship and whether the investigation into this alleged incident by the Marine and Coastguard Agency, through its Marine Accident Investigation Branch will be made public?

Answer

- (a) An accident did occur as outlined in the question. This is a matter of public knowledge and was reported at the time in the media. I can confirm that some damage occurred to the land ties, crane and two small vessels.
- (b) Two employees of Jersey Harbours were present in the ship at the time
 - (i) on the bridge was a Jersey qualified pilot who was carrying out his duties regarding the berthing of the ship;
 - (ii) the Harbour Master was also on board. As a past crew member of the vessel he was there in a personal capacity visiting friends. During his visit, he spent some time in the canteen below decks and also spent some time on the bridge deck. The MAIB have told me that he was not part of the bridge team and took no part in the decision making or handling of the ship.
- (c) I can indeed confirm the presence of a Jersey qualified pilot, and this was in accordance with the requirements of the Pilotage (Jersey) Law 1988. The accident is under investigation by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB). The report into the accident will be made public. This is as stated in the Ministerial Decision of 5th July 2007.

I need to reiterate what we said in the Press Release of 5th July: "Once the investigation is completed the report will be publicly available and until such time it is regretted no further comment can be made."