

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2007

Question

Has a former senior engineer at the States of Jersey Airport now been appointed Liaison Director to the Civil Aviation Authority on behalf of Jersey, and if so, will the Minister advise members why the postholder is unable to be based at the Economic Development Department?

Would the Minister further advise at which department this post is now based, how much notice they were given, and whether other departments had been unwilling to accommodate this post?

Answer

The Minister can confirm that former Airport Chief Electronics Engineer has been redeployed and appointed to the role of Director of Civil Aviation (or DCA).

Under international safety regulations, Jersey, like all other Crown Dependencies and UK Overseas Territories is required to separate the functions of aviation operation (such as at the Airport) and safety regulation. It is worth noting that the Isle of Man already have a DCA in post, and have had since May this year.

This separation of functions further demands that the office of DCA is accommodated in a department other than the department responsible for the operation of the Airport.

For that reason the appointment of the DCA was made independent of the Airport by the States Human Resources department to Home Affairs which has assumed responsibility for the DCA.

The DCA was appointed on the basis of his 20 years' experience in aviation which has included intimate involvement in aviation law and the airspace for which the Airport is responsible, making him the pre-eminent candidate for the position.