

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY SENATOR B.E. SHENTON**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2007

Question

Would the Minister advise members of the amount raised in 2006 through the increase in Impôts duty on beer?

Answer

The amount raised in 2006 through the increase in Impôts duty on beer was £702,051.

The following additional information may also be of benefit to the Senator and other members:

In 2006 the total revenue yield from Impôts duty on beer was £5,086,874. This figure includes £315,553 additional revenue resulting from an amendment by Senator Vibert to the original budget proposals. Using the 2006 consumption figures the revenue yield would have been £4,384,823 at 2005 Impôts duty rates

The original proposals for the 2006 budget included a 3.6% increase in Impôts duty for all alcoholic beverages. Senator Vibert proposed an amendment to raise an extra £300,000 to be used for television licences for the elderly by an additional increase of the duty on beer.

Following States debate this proposal was agreed but with the additional increase to only apply to beer produced by large breweries. For the purposes of Impôts duty a large brewery is defined as one that produces in excess of 200,000 hectolitres (20 million litres) of beer per year.

The increase in the rate of duty for beer produced by large breweries was agreed at 10.7% with a 3.6% increase in the rate of duty for beer produced by small breweries.