

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2008**

**Question**

What increases, if any, have been made in Harbours fees which reflect the cost of living of 4.3% rather than the States recommended anti inflationary level of 2.5%?

**Answer**

In recent years Harbour Dues have been raised by 2.5% per annum in line with States policy. Harbour Dues relate to the shipping of passengers and freight through the port and represent about two thirds of Jersey Harbours' income.

Marine Leisure fees are generally increased by the cost of living - 4.3% in 2007. Leisure dues are recognised as not being directly related to Jersey's RPI. The Finance and Economics Committee previously commented in the States that: "The Committee believes that it is important that the users of Marinas and moorings do not receive a service subsidised by commercial users of the Harbour or the taxpayer".

Property is reviewed in accordance with the relevant lease agreement. Effectively this is either Open Market Value or Jersey RPI.

It is essential that income is maintained in order to meet budgetary targets, generate sufficient funds for the upkeep, maintenance and capital programme of the harbours and territorial waters without resorting to central States funds.

**Notes**

Passenger Port

Harbour Dues for passengers and cars – 2.5%

Commercial Port

Harbour Dues for freight and fuel – 2.5%

Pilotage – 2.5%

Quay Rentals – 2.5%

Marine Leisure

Registration Fees – 8% (not increased since 2005)

British Shipping Register – 8% (not increased since 2005)

All other charges – 4.3%

Port Estate

Port Parking – increase from £73 to £138 in 2008 in first step towards achieving market value