

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

Question

Which groups, if any, were consulted concerning the recent proposed increases in charges for Port Parking Permits?

How do the recent proposed increases in Port Parking Permit charges accord with the Minister's expressed desire to increase economic returns from Marina activities?

Answer

Individual shipping companies were consulted on the rise in Port Parking Permits during 2006, as were the Jersey Port Users (Commercial) Association. Port Parking Permits are for commercial port users to use in designated operational areas of the port.

Marina parking is a separate issue to that of parking in the Commercial Port which is covered by Port Parking Permits. Marina berth holders can purchase a parking permit for the relevant marina car park at a cost of £81 per annum.

In line with other marine leisure charges, marina parking charges have been increased annually by the cost of living, however this is also under review by Jersey Harbours and is the subject of communications with users at this time. Jersey Harbours anticipate bringing the charge into line with Port Parking Permits during 2008.

Notes

Marine Leisure fees are generally increased by the cost of living (RPI) - 4.3% in 2008. Leisure dues are recognised as not being directly related to the Island's inflation rate. 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".