

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2008

Question

- 1) Would the Minister provide the detailed accumulated costs incurred to date, including parts, labour, invoiced bills and any other costs to do with ongoing repairs and maintenance of the Charming Betty and Charming Nancy to the end of July 2008?
- 2) Would the Minister provide a list of the days in 2008 that one or other of the two amphibious vehicles was absent from the West-Park to Elizabeth Castle service and will he inform members whether the Harbour Office or the Marine Coastguard Agency Jersey were notified of the absence of one or other machine?
- 3) Can the Minister give details of the incident that occurred on the afternoon of 11th August 2008 involving the Charming Betty, while afloat and in transit between West Park and Elizabeth Castle, and would he state whether it was the experience of a former driver from the previous operator of the service who went to the assistance of the above machine that averted a potential major incident?

Answer

As advised in a reply to a similar question on 15 July, my Department is not responsible for operational matters within the Jersey Heritage Trust (JHT). Education, Sport and Culture has responsibility for funding the JHT and for maintaining proper governance arrangements but the Trust is an independent body. These questions, which relate to operational matters, should properly be put to the JHT which has undertaken that full accounts of the operation will be made available following the conclusion of the season. In respect of the other issues raised the relevant authority is Jersey Harbours. Jersey Harbours has confirmed that the JHT are operating in accordance with their safety management system. JHT has confirmed that all incident reports are lodged with Jersey Harbours.

ANSWER TABLED ON TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2008

Questions

Can the Minister confirm the overall invoiced costs to the end of June 2008 for the year 2008 for repairs, maintenance, parts and labour charges incurred by Jersey Heritage Trust to the ongoing running costs of the charming Betty and Charming Nancy, billed by Deveau Commercial Limited, and any other sub-contractor, mechanic or repair facility hired by JHT for the maintenance of the above two named vessels/vehicles?

Answer

In replying to this question, I think it may be helpful to point out that my Department is not responsible for operational matters with the Jersey Heritage Trust. Education, Sport and Culture has responsibility for funding the JHT and for maintaining proper governance arrangements but the Trust is an independent body. I published its recent Report on amphibious transport to Elizabeth Castle because I judged that it raised important matters of principle about which Members should be properly informed. However, this question does not raise a matter of principle: it concerns operational detail. It should properly be put to the Jersey Heritage Trust. However, on this occasion I have invited the Trust to provide the most up-to-date information available and I am advised that the maintenance costs for the year to the end of May amount for £15,270.