

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JULY 2008

Question

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 Commercials 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 within 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 to £15,270.