

2.6 The Deputy of St. John of the Minister for Economic Development regarding consultation with the Marine Traders on the Draft Shipping (Safety of Navigation) (Jersey) Regulations 200-:

I sincerely hope it is the Minister that is going to answer the question and he is not going to delegate it.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Well, you had better ask it first. **[Laughter]**

The Deputy of St. John:

Given that during the debate of P.48/2009 Draft Shipping (Safety of Navigation) (Jersey) Regulations 200- on 19th May 2009, the Minister maintained that the legislation had been circulated to Marine Traders for consultation, could he confirm the list of those consulted, given that the Traders' names do not appear on the consultation document issued by Regulatory Services on 19th May, and, if not, could he explain why?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean (The Minister for Economic Development):

I shall be answering this question, although I am always loath to answer any questions from the Deputy of St. John. The initial consultation list contained 2 marine traders: Bluewater Supplies and H2O Sports. Marine traders were also part of the Marine Leisure Port User Group, where Solas was discussed. Further marine traders were specifically consulted in January and February of 2009, after I agreed to extend the consultation period. Traders included were Iron Stores Marine, South Pier, Sunseeker, Fairline, Princess, C.I. Marine and Freeport Marine.

2.6.1 The Deputy of St. John:

Given that the Minister has explained in part, at the time of the question, from myself on the day of the debate, I asked if the marine traders had been consulted and he said yes and I asked for details. Given that they had been consulted, which I am pleased to hear they had, I am concerned that we did not have it on our original document that was circulated as part of the report and proposition, because then if it had been it would not be necessary for me to put this question today because the Minister fluffed the answer he gave us on that particular day, as he is inclined to do on a number of times when he is questioned. But that said, I will not labour it any further, just as long as he knows that I am on his case.

Senator A.J.H. Maclean:

I think there was a question, so I will answer it, if that is all right? **[Laughter]** I would just point out that during the debate I did refer back to *Hansard* and the Deputy did remind me that I had not completely answered his question in relation to the marine traders. At the time, I had initially said that I think the Deputy was referring to marine traders. I cannot immediately see them on the list, but there are 27 organisations that were consulted - he will remember that. He further came back and asked for ... sorry, at the end of the debate I confirmed having referred to the notes that I had available, and I will quote: "Could I also clarify for the Deputy of St. John, I have just noticed on the list here, I had missed it when I read it briefly before, the marine traders were in fact included just for his information." Indeed, the initial consultation to which he refers to did in fact list 2 marine traders and many others that I have just mentioned have also been consulted fully. Thank you.