

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**

**Question**

“Are Rank Taxi drivers to be charged a fee to collect passengers from the Airport like Taxi Cab drivers and if, so what will be the charge levied?”

Has the Minister made representations to the Minister for Transport and Technical Services in relation to the Transport Strategy, and if so would he advise what issues he raised?

Has consideration been given to establishing permanent private hire depots at the Airport and Harbour and, if so what is the rationale behind these proposals?”

**Answer**

A charge was to be applied to taxi cabs for use of the designated parking areas at a flat rate pegged to the rate of the first 30 minutes, which is currently 60 pence. It was intended to introduce this rate for private pre-booked cab companies using this improved parking facility. There now will be no change to the rank taxi facility and therefore no charge. However it has been decided to undertake further monitoring of the taxi service and until this is complete the implementation of the new parking arrangements for private pre-booked cabs will be put on hold.

The Minister for Transport and Technical Services was involved in early discussions with the taxi organisations and the issues surrounding the reason for relocating the parking area. The subsequent proposal was endorsed by him and the Assistant Minister for Economic Development.

Any future physical changes to transport depots at Jersey Airport will form part of our longer term development of the facilities. At this stage no firm plans have been drawn up.