

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2010**

Question

“How many new posts have been created at the Airport over the last 5 years, not including in any way those posts that have been disposed of (by offsetting)?

How many air traffic commercial movements have there been year on year since 2000 to date?

Does the Minister maintain comparisons of air traffic commercial movements with Guernsey and, if so, how do our figures compare with Guernsey year on year over the same period?

If Jersey figures are lower or similar to Guernsey will the Minister please give reasons?

What action is the Minister taking to recoup business?”

Answer

1. Fourteen posts, none of them directly offset, have been created at Jersey Airport since 2005. This can be broken down as follows:

2005 = 0, 2006 = 1, 2007 = 8, 2008 = 1, 2009 = 4, 2010 = 1

However, although there are fourteen new posts we also reduced a further six posts, which were not directly offset, meaning that the true increase in posts from 2005 to 2010 is eight.

2. As follows are the air traffic movements for Jersey since 2000:

2000 = 80,816. 2001 = 80,634. 2002 = 73,813. 2003 = 75,380. 2004 = 72,958. 2005 = 70,324. 2006 = 69,798. 2007 = 72,340. 2008 = 76,525. 2009 = 64,876

Up to July 2010 this figure stands at 36,326.

3. Jersey Airport can access the annual air movements for Guernsey via the CAA website but can see no justification in making comparisons as we are not competing against them in terms of traffic movements. Commercial air movements for Guernsey are as follows:

2000 = 56,705. 2001 = 56,772. 2002 = 53,224. 2003 = 50,810. 2004 = 56,199. 2005 = 54,918.
2006 = 54,440. 2007 = 59,747. 2008 = 59,494. 2009 = 57,634

Up to October 2010 this figure stands at 45,191.

4. As one would expect, due to the nature of operations in Jersey our air movements are higher than those of Guernsey. However, it is fair to say that the tough economic climate has had an impact on air traffic globally over the past few years and this has impacted on both islands in terms of volume.
5. I am fully supportive of the Route Development Team, established at Jersey Airport to proactively increase business to the Island. This is in line with our strategic plan of 1% growth year on year in terms of passenger numbers and commercial movement. Despite the current conditions we are seeing some signs of recovery in the latter part of this year in terms of passenger numbers and I am confident that by the end of 2010 or early next year we will be in a stronger position if this positive trend continues.