

**WRITTEN QUESTION THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th JULY 2011**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide members with a full breakdown of the work of the Operations Department at Jersey Airport, setting out in particular -

- (a) the cost of this department broken down into personnel costs, travel and expenses, cost of accommodation provided or subsidised, overheads etc;
- (b) the number of staff employed in this department and their functions;
- (c) whether any of the staff of have been responsible in any safety related incidents at Jersey Airport and, if so, the nature of those incidents since the department was established?

**Answer**

The Operations Directorate at Jersey Airport is responsible for six specific areas, which are: Rescue & Fire Fighting Service, Terminal Services, Engineering, Air Traffic Control, Air Traffic Engineering and Airfield Operations. The question does not clarify which of these operational departments information is required on. However, taking into consideration point (c) relating to safety incidents we assume the question refers to Airfield Operations.

- (a) The total cost of airfield operations is £438,768 which includes manager's salary £1,100 incurred in travel and expenses in 2010 to attend Airport Operators Association, Operations and Safety Group. The AOA and Operations & Safety Group is the only committee attended on a regular basis. AOA engages with government, regulators and opinion formers at both national and international level to secure public policy. It plays a leading role in promoting aviation security, economic development, operational safety and environmental sustainability and in so doing, contributes to the continued successful development of UK airports and aviation.
- (b) One manager and 8 officers are employed in airfield operations, split into 2 shifts operating throughout the opening hours of the airport. Its principal objective is to ensure the safety of passengers, airport staff, airlines and business partners on the airfield.  
Principal functions include:-  
Ensure safety, security and environment policies are complied with;  
Undertake regular inspections of the runway, taxiways, perimeter fences, approach and take off areas and takes corrective action as required in compliance with the Civil Aviation Authority and the UK's department for Transport. This includes up to nine full runway inspections during the airport's opening hours;  
Inspection of runway following an emergency;  
Training for all new airport employees required to drive in an airside environment.  
Safeguarding of the aerodrome, including the 13km zone;  
Management of the UK Air Pilot & Aerodrome Manual;

Responsible for ensuring the aerodrome is prepared for CAA safety regulation biennial audit;

Management of the airfield driving permit scheme and vehicle permit scheme;

Third party audits to ISAGO standards (IATA Safety Audit Programme for Ground Operations);

In 2010 the department took over responsibility for the mobilisation of the Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting Service to all emergency call outs with a saving in overtime costs to the airport in the region of £100k.

- (c) No staff from Airfield Operations have been held responsible for any safety related incident since the department was first established in 2007.