

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2011**

Question

Further to reports that Jersey Post is to reduce its services to 5 days a week, running from Monday to Friday (a working week) and that this has been passed by the Regulator, can the Minister as representative of the shareholders inform members -

- (a) what measures will be in place when Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall within the full working week - will this mean a 3 day service in that week?
- (b) what measures are in place at Easter with a 4 day gap between deliveries from the Thursday to the Tuesday?
- (c) is there anything in place for people to pay for a premium service, in order to keep a 6 day service, given that many businesses do run 6/7 day weeks?
- (d) whether he has raised issues with the JCRA regarding the provision of a service for the many businesses who work 7 days a week, and, if not, why?
- (e) whether he will undertake to bring forward the issue of the Postal Service for debate by the Assembly and, if so, when?

Answer

The Minister for Treasury and Resources has received the following information from Jersey Post regarding questions (a), (b) and (c).

- (a) what measures will be in place when Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall within the full working week - will this mean a 3 day service in that week?

Yes, however items posted using guaranteed delivery services offered by Jersey Post will be delivered on the Saturday

- (b) what measures are in place at Easter with a 4 day gap between deliveries from the Thursday to the Tuesday?

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- (c) is there anything in place for people to pay for a premium service, in order to keep a 6 day service, given that many businesses do run 6/7 day weeks?

Jersey Post currently offer guaranteed delivery services, providing deliveries 6 days a week, and this will continue for items using this service both posted locally and in the UK

In respect of question (d), the Minister for Treasury and Resources is not responsible for setting the postal universal service obligation. The JCRA as regulator is responsible for promoting competition and consumer interests. The JCRA and Economic Development Department undertook a full consultation over this subject and the decision follows both of these consultation exercises. The Minister for Treasury and Resources clearly ruled out providing a taxpayer subsidy to support the present USO and did not make a further specific submission to the consultation.

In respect of question (e), the Minister for Economic Development is responsible for regulation of postal services.