

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2013**

Question

How has the Board of JT been held accountable for the issues that have arisen with Gigabit Jersey and to what extent do these derive from a defective Business Plan?

Answer

JT's Board is held accountable in the manner set out in the Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') between the Minister for Treasury and Resources ('The Minister') and Jersey Telecom.

The MOU has worked well in the case of Gigabit Jersey, and JT has communicated issues with the Project effectively in the spirit of the "no surprises policy". The Minister continues to meet with the board to discuss the performance of JT and provide robust challenge of the Gigabit Jersey project sharing with them his expectations to make sure it is delivered on time and in budget.

The Gigabit Jersey business plan set ambitious targets to create a world class fibre network and was challenged by external consultants as well as by Treasury officials prior to its approval. The Minister is satisfied with the steps taken by the Board to manage the project in line with its business plan and does not intend to get involved with detailed operational issues but will as States Members would expect hold the board accountable for the delivery of the project.

The Minister would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the strong commitment of the Board of JT in actively pursuing a resolution to the issue with their contractor which resulted in the engagement of the contractors senior US personnel to bring the project back on track. The Minister is looking forward to the project being delivered successfully.