

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. BRELADE
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2021**

Question

Will the Minister, as shareholder representative for the Ports of Jersey, advise Members of the cost of the tender submitted by Damen Shipyards Group for the provision of a new tug (due to be delivered in Quarter 4 this year), the basis on which the tender was accepted and the source of funding for the tug?

Answer

Ports of Jersey has allocated up to £5.4 million from its commercial revenues into the construction of a shallow drafted anchor handling workboat.

Following a comprehensive tender process which included Pre-Qualifying Questionnaire (PQQ) and Invitation to Tender (ITT) stages, Damen Shipyards Group were awarded the contract based on its amalgamated scores across the relevant scoring criteria.

Damen Shipyards Group, are a Netherlands based company founded over ninety years ago, which operates 36 shipyards across 18 countries. Damen also recently carried out a major dry-dock program of the Duke of Normandy.

The new vessel, a Shoalbuster 2711, is based upon the reliable and proven design of The Duke of Normandy but with increased capacity and capability. It will boast an additional two meters of beam providing extra stability and increased deck space allowing for installation of a larger crane.

The new vessel is not a replacement for The Duke of Normandy, which will continue its operational obligations in local waters and still be used commercially off-island when required. In recent years the Duke of Normandy has spent an average of 181 days off Island, undertaking a range of short and long-term contracts, in particular in the growing renewable energy sector, generating circa £2.5 million in revenue. This revenue is used to maintain services for islanders.

The new vessel is due to be delivered by December 2021.