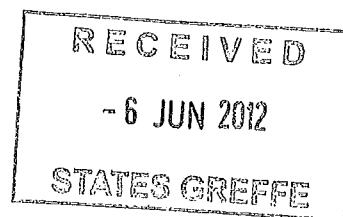


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Dear Deputy Luce

*Steve,*

**Aircraft Registry**

I apologise for the delayed response to the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel in connection with the above review, which is due to seeking advice on the policy proposals.

The attached briefing paper has been prepared by the Director of Civil Aviation, setting out the requirements and circumstances in which it would seem desirable to establish an aircraft register. The most significant issues appear to be the administrative and technical infrastructure necessary, the legislative requirements and the economic merits of a registry established either in Jersey, Guernsey or jointly between the Bailiwicks.

I understand that Guernsey Commerce and Employment has agreed a delivery model based on a public-private partnership with an experienced provider (SGi), and they consider this to be the most cost-effective low-risk option available.

I am informed that the Minister for Economic Development is minded to support the development of a joint Channel Islands registry with Guernsey and, subject to agreement at a political level between the two jurisdictions, I would fully agree with the Minister's position. I have no strong view as to whether a Channel Islands registry might be located in Jersey or Guernsey, since it is believed that economic benefits will accrue to Jersey and Guernsey wherever it is located.

I hope this response is helpful and I have no objection if you wish to seek further information from the Director of Civil Aviation on this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Senator Ian Gorst**  
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