

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2023  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2023**

**Question**

“Will the Minister advise the estimated subsidy for 2023, in pounds sterling, for the current bus provider?”

**Answer**

The contract payments from the Government of Jersey to Liberty Bus are paid to ensure that the fares paid by passengers maintained at a low level. Fares are significantly below the break-even level, therefore representing a subsidy to the travelling public.

As outlined in my response to Written Question 164/2023, the bus operator contract is currently in the process of being re-procured, with tender documentation expected to be issued to a shortlist of organisations which have successfully completed a pre-qualification process.

In view of this, the information requested is currently considered commercially sensitive. At this stage, putting the predicted subsidy amount into the public domain is likely to be detrimental to the Government’s negotiating position and ultimately to the public interest.