

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HARBOURS AND AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2003, BY SENATOR P.V.F. LE CLAIRE**

**Question**

Would the President inform members –

- (a) the cost of accommodating stranded passengers in local hotels after the decision was made to impound Emeraude Lines' vessel Solidor V?
- (b) from which Committee's budget the foregoing accommodation costs were provided, and under whose authority such expenditure was sanctioned?
- (c) what other costs were incurred, if any, other than those relating to accommodation and from what source funding has been made available?
- (d) whether the Committee is aware of any expressions of interest in Emeraude Lines which have been made by other local ferry companies to the Administrateur Judiciaire, and, if so, would the President provide details?

**Answer**

- (a) £3,556.50 for the passengers accommodated on a bed and breakfast basis at the Merton Hotel, plus £80 for one at the Grand Hotel; total cost £3,636.50.
- (b) The money came from Jersey Harbours' Business Development and Marketing, Travel and Subsistence budget. The expenditure was sanctioned under the authority of the Harbours and Airport Committee.
- (c) Other costs - coaches to take passengers to and from the hotel £450, cash disbursements totalling £1,020 were given out for subsistence. All will come from Jersey Harbours' Business Development and Marketing, Travel and Subsistence budget.
- (d) No, the Committee is not aware of any such interest.