

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th JULY 2010**

Question

Would the Minister advise what has happened to the sculpture known as 'Flight' that was in the Airport Departure Hall and included a wishing well which was used by visitors and residents, the monies from which was then given to charities.

Would he also advise whether all other charity boxes have been removed from the Airport and, if so, explain why and confirm when they might be returned?

Answer

Further to a request from the Minister for Health, the sculpture of mallard geese, which was removed from its site at the airport during last year's refurbishment of the airside departures lounge has been donated to her department for placement in a new public space at the General Hospital.

It was always our intention when the sculpture was removed that it would be moved to a location that would allow it to be seen again by the general public. Jersey Airport, having considered a number of alternative sites, none of which proved suitable, decided to accept the generous offer from the Health Department.

I can confirm that during the refurbishment programme, a number of charity boxes were removed from the ground floor area of the airside lounge. Since the completion of the works two aviation charity boxes for Channel Islands Air Search and RAFA have been re-sited in the first floor atrium. Other boxes have been collected by the respective charity for use elsewhere.

Jersey Airport has decided that in an effort to be fair to all rather than have a multitude of individual collection boxes as previous, a single collection box will be sited in the departures hall with the proceeds divided amongst an alternating list of charities. A suitable box will be provided shortly.

Jersey Airport regularly supports charitable collections and fundraising events. Most recent collections have included Side by side's Madeira and Haiti Disaster appeals, the Red Cross, Cancer Research and Help a Jersey Child. Collection tins are also placed on the Information Desk and occasionally on the check-in desks.