WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS BY DEPUTY J. RENOUF OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 16th JUNE 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 23rd JUNE 2025

Question

"Will the Minister advise whether the Airport was placed under 'Special Attention' by the Office of the Director of Civil Aviation before he was informed on 7th February 2025 and, if so, when did this happen; and what was the date and time when the communication was received about the bomb threat on 5th March 2025?"

Answer

Jersey Airport was placed under 'special attention' by the Office of the Director of Civil Aviation on 10th December 2024. As announced, this was lifted on Friday 20th June 2025.

As Minister for External Relations, I hold statutory responsibility for the regulation of civil aviation in Jersey. I have no responsibility for the operations of the Airport. This falls to the Airport authority – Ports of Jersey Limited – which is responsible to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development for, among other matters, the policing, administration and management of Jersey Airport. As such, I was not briefed about the bomb threat and I am therefore unaware of the time and date on which the threat was communicated. However, on this occasion I asked PoJ for feedback, and have now received the following response:

At 23:16 04 March 2025 an email was sent to a customer enquiries email address detailing a threat against Jersey Airport. This email address is monitored during the operational hours of the airport.

The threat was identified on 05 March 2025 during the standard airport opening procedures. The team activated emergency response protocols; threat assessors conducted a thorough risk evaluation, and the decision was taken to evacuate the terminal building. After a search of the terminal had been completed, the airport resumed operations at 11:02.

A multi-agency review of the incident took place, in accordance with emergency response procedures, with the following agencies:

- Office of the Director of Civil Aviation
- States of Jersey Fire Service
- States of Jersey Police
- States of Jersey Ambulance Service
- States of Jersey Police
- Channel Islands Emergency Planning
- States of Jersey Medical Services
- Jersey General Hospital
- Government of Jersey Emergency Planning / Justice and Home Affairs Department