

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JANUARY 2008

Question

“Can the Minister confirm that the policy of applying annual increases based on the Retail Price Index for Harbour facilities such as parking has been replaced by a User Pays policy and if so, would he explain how the percentage increase is determined for these payments?”

Answer

I can confirm that there is no policy of user pays for all harbour charges. Increases are based on a mix of options including States of Jersey policy of 2.5%, JRPI and user pays on a case by case basis as appropriate for that particular charge.

In 2006 it was recognised that the charge for Port Parking Permits was too low. The charge per permit per annum in 2007 was £73. A season ticket in St Helier costs £1,020 a year.

The decision was made to increase the charge for port users based on a formula derived from the approximate rateable value of a parking space and the number of permits issued for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. The rate has been increased to £138 for 2008.

The changes were agreed on the basis that Jersey Harbours is a commercial trading organisation operating in a competitive environment for parking spaces so should therefore charge a market rate. It should be noted that, even at the increased level, fees are still discounted in comparison to commercial season tickets.

Port Users were consulted on the price increases during 2006 for implementation in 2008.

Notes

Car parking is not included within harbour dues and has always been charged separately. The circulation of traffic at the Harbour is included in the 1962 Regulations, as opposed to the Harbour and Light Dues Law.

Major assets such as the linkspans have also been subject to a separate charge for some considerable time; as will cranes in line with the same principle.