

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2012**

**Question**

In light of the view expressed by Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority in its latest review that competition in the postal market should be increased, *“we are firmly of the view that the liberalisation of the large letters segment of the bulk mail market should be allowed to proceed”* and its view that service levels from Jersey Post could be reduced *“JCRA is of the view that it would be open to Jersey Post to conclude that “reasonable access” to postal services could be provided to Jersey residents through a reduced number of post offices and post boxes.”*; will the Minister assure members that he will not permit significant reductions in the number of post offices and post boxes prior to full consultation with the public, businesses and the Connétables?

**Answer**

While it is a commercial matter for Jersey Post to consider what changes, if any, it would wish to make to its existing network, I am sure the Deputy's concerns about the need for appropriate consultation will be considered fully by Jersey Post's Board. Indeed, the recent changes announced by Jersey Post have come about as a result of an extensive island-wide survey, which they have announced will be repeated in December 2012.