

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2011**

Question

Could the Minister advise the number of times that he has renewed the contract of the Airport Director who resigned in June 2010, giving the reasons for the renewal in each instance and advising of any revisions to the salary paid and any changes to his duties?

Would the Minister confirm whether the Airport Director is currently employed to undertake the duties of the former Airport Operations Director and, if so, would he also confirm whether the postholder is sufficiently qualified to undertake those duties?

Answer

By mutual agreement, the former Airport Director confirmed he would remain in post until the Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO) post was filled, which was originally estimated to be September 2011. His appointment was then extended until the end of 2011 to allow the appointed GCEO to review and propose a new executive structure combining the Harbours and Airport.

The new executive structure in the integrated Harbours and Airport business has led to the reduction of the number of executive roles from eight positions to five, with the legal responsibilities of the Airport Director being amalgamated into the GCEO position. Within the new executive structure there is a new role of Group Operations Director, where an interim appointment has been accepted by the former Airport Director until end of June 2012. The former Airport Director holds the appropriate competencies for this role.

It is not appropriate for me to comment on individual salary arrangements for employees.