

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2008**

**Question**

Would the Minister confirm whether his Department has been notified at all times by the Jersey Heritage Trust on the occasions when either the Charming Betty or Charming Nancy has been absent for repairs from West-Park and can he inform members whether the safety regulations allow the service to operate afloat when only one of the 2 amphibious craft is available and, if so, whether this was permitted for the previous operator of the amphibious service?

**Answer**

I can confirm that Jersey Coastguard is advised of the daily commencement and completion of services by the Castle Ferries. The department would only be advised of any breakdown or other withdrawal of service in the event of a 'reportable' incident as defined in the Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002. This is standard procedure for all passenger ferry services.

There is nothing in the safety regulations to prohibit single vessel operations provided contingency plans are in place for breakdowns or emergency incidents as part of the vessel's Safety Management System.

Both Jersey Harbours and the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) are fully satisfied with the Safety Management System in place for both the previous and the current operator.