

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2007

Question

Would the Minister inform States members whether or not public transport services have increased since the opening of the new Liberation Bus Station, and if so, state what new services have been put in place?

Answer

No new services have been put in place since the opening of Liberation Station. The opening coincided with the start of the winter timetable although the Island Explorer routes were maintained through until the end of the school half term holidays (3rd November 2007). Passenger numbers continue to show increases over the same period last year – for the first three weeks of service from the new facility, there were over 10% more passengers compared to last year. However, as mentioned above, the Island Explorer was still running at this time and probably accounts for some of this increase.

There will be enhanced Sunday services running on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas in December to support the Fete de Noue festivities. These will provide a circular route to cover St. Ouen, St. Mary and St. Lawrence and another to cover St. John and Trinity.