

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister provide details of –

- (a) the total payment to LibertyBus for all concessionary travel for the years 2016 to 2019 inclusive;
- (b) the breakdown of the payment to LibertyBus into the different categories of concessionary travel; and
- (c) the basis on which concessionary travel is calculated for an individual; for instance, whether it is based on an annual sum, a sum per individual, based on each journey or another method?

Answer

- (a) The total payments from the Government of Jersey to LibertyBus in respect of concessionary fares reimbursement are as detailed in the following table:-

Year	Senior Citizen	Access (disabled)	Total
2016	£ 720,000		£ 720,000
2017	£ 744,905	£ 70,096	£ 815,000
2018	£ 770,000	£ 104,647	£ 874,647
2019	£ 883,191	£ 142,311	£ 1,025,502

- (b) A breakdown is provided in part (a) with the table above identifying the annual payments in respect of both the established concessionary travel scheme for Jersey residents of pensionable age, and the “AvanchiAccess” travel pass scheme for persons with a prescribed disability, which was introduced on 01 March 2017.
- (c) Reimbursement for concessionary travel is on a “per journey” basis, with the amount for trips made using the senior citizen travel pass originally being determined as a contractually-agreed proportion of the average adult single fare. The payment per senior citizen journey equated to approximately £1.03 prior to 2019, at which point the total payment was recalculated based on a rate of £1.10 per journey. The reimbursement rate for journeys made under the AvanchiAccess scheme is £1.50. It is not possible from the data available to identify the value of an individual concessionary pass holder’s bus travel.