

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister provide an annual breakdown of the total subsidy, including loans, between the Government of Jersey and the airline Blue Islands from January 2018 to date?”

Answer

As part of its response to Covid-19, the Government of Jersey provided a loan of £10 million to Blue Islands in 2020.

Alongside 4,100 other businesses Blue Islands received support under the Co-Funded Payroll Scheme while public health restrictions were impacting the economy. The Government provided subsidy payments to the airline during the life of that Scheme as follows:

- 2020 – £636,952
- 2021 – £519,019
- 2022 – £31,617

There was additional support provided to Blue Islands in 2020 and 2021 to enable essential air connectivity to and from the Island due to the impact of the pandemic. These arrangements are however governed by formal contracts, are commercially sensitive and do not amount to subsidies.