

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2011**

Question

Will the Minister explain fully to members the air space redesign project at Jersey Airport which relates to the Channel Island Control Zone setting out the work and cost involved, the companies and individuals involved - setting out what each is doing, the sums being paid to them and how they were appointed/recruited and provide details of any aspect of the scheme which is yet to be put out to tender?

Answer

The Channel Islands Control Zone (CICZ) airspace redesign project is already underway and has been since the contract was awarded through competitive tender to Cyrrus Ltd in 2010. The project is expected to finish in 2013.

The tender process was conducted in accordance with States of Jersey procurement and financial directions.

The redesign project is a project that encompasses a modernisation of the airspace and the procedures contained within the boundaries of the CICZ, this includes but is not limited to:

- Investigation of the reclassification of the airspace at the lower levels in order to best meet customer and service provider requirements;
- Modernisation and improvement of the interfaces between Jersey and the UK and France;
- A review and improvement of the missed approach and aircraft procedures and positions;
- An investigation into increased airspace responsibilities in order to simplify co-ordination between the islands, UK and France and provide a more efficient and improved service;
- New departure and arrival routes in the CICZ, based upon traditional navigation and modern Performance Based Navigation (PBN).
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The modernisation will ensure the future viability of the airspace as well as building foundations for the forthcoming requirements of PBN to which the aim is to ensure global standardisation of Precision Area Navigation (P-RNAV) and Required Navigation Performance (RNP) specifications and to limit the proliferation of navigation specifications in use world-wide.

All of the changes will follow the Civil Aviation Publication 725 process as agreed with the Director of Civil Aviation.

An approved budget of £800,000 has been allocated to this project.

There are no other elements of the project that need to be put out to tender.

There are a number of companies and individuals involved in the airspace redesign project, including:

- Jersey Airport Executive Management Team, Senior Management Team, Air Traffic Controllers, Strategic Planning, Air Traffic Engineering
- Director of Civil Aviation for the Channel Islands
- UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
- National Air Traffic Services (NATS)
- Egis Avia (French air navigation service provider, in partnership with Cyrrus Ltd)
- UK Directorate of Airspace Policy
- Guernsey and Alderney Air Traffic Control
- Guernsey, Jersey Environmental Departments