

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2007**

**Question**

Following the recent advertisement placed in the Jersey Gazette for interested parties to tender for the removal of damaged vehicles from the scene of road traffic accidents for and on behalf of the States of Jersey Police, can the Minister confirm that a fair and equitable process based on cost, efficiency, experience, availability, qualification and suitability of the recovery vehicles will be undertaken to assess tenders submitted?

**Answer**

Following a full and comprehensive review of the States of Jersey Police (SoJP) vehicle recovery practices by a senior UK police officer from Sussex police, a number of recommendations were made including: devising a contractual agreement with recovery operators based on best practice in the UK. Superintendent Morrison of the Sussex police Roads Policing Unit, also recommended the SoJP rota should consist of up to a maximum of three operators. The number of service providers who might tender is not restricted by the recommended maximum number of operators.

The States of Jersey Police has developed a 'Service Level Agreement' to be used as the basis of any contractual arrangements between SOJP and prospective vehicle recovery companies. This is based on the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) specification which encompasses all of the above criteria mentioned in the question except for experience; it is not wished to discourage new businesses so previous experience has not been made a pre-requisite.

The processes in place to select vehicle recovery operators for its police vehicle recovery rota are robust and will provide the States with an efficient service and value for money. The States Director of Procurement has been consulted throughout the tendering process.