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**2.15 Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding inter-Island ferry services (OQ.117/2025):**

**Question**

Will the Minister advise what policy decisions, if any, have been taken with regard to inter-island ferry services and whether any subsidy has been provided by Jersey's Government to establish such a service, and if so, how much funding has been provided?

**Answer**

The Deputy will be aware that DFDS have agreed to provide weekly inter-island sailings on a reciprocal basis with Brittany Ferries. Over the last few weeks they have been working with the Government of Guernsey to agree specific sailing times and should be putting tickets on sale shortly.

None of the DFDS services come at any expense to the taxpayer.

Both Jersey and Guernsey have provided financial support to the Manche Isles Express and have been approached by another prospective operator with proposals for a year-round inter-island car and passenger service with multiple sailings per day.

Jersey has expressed a strong interest in supporting this route and the Chief Minister and I have met with the team behind the proposal. Guernsey have previously advised the prospective operator that they were not in a position to negotiate access to their harbour ramp but last week I wrote to my counterpart in Guernsey to ask that his committee reconsider which I hope they will do, particularly if Jersey were to financially support such a venture.