

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HARBOURS AND AIRPORT
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER 2003
BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HERISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR**

Question

Would the President inform members whether the Committee, in arriving at its decision to vary the ramp permit to Condor to allow the company to carry accompanied private vehicles on the Jersey-St. Malo route, took note of a report submitted to the Jersey Transport Authority in mid-2002 which advised against the granting of rights to a second operator on the route?

Answer

During consideration of the application from Condor, which commenced in the Autumn of 2002 and was finalised in March 2003, the Committee took note of all relevant reports, comments and advice including the statement attributed to Emeraude Lines by the JCRA, namely 'Emeraude stated that they were strongly in favour of competition on the 'northern' and 'southern' routes', and the advice of H.M. Solicitor General which stated 'if the granting of an exclusive permit is unlawful, which in my opinion it is, then the Committee cannot be bound by it because the Committee cannot be precluded from discharging its statutory duty. As I have said, the statutory duty of the Committee is to consider any application which is made to it for a permit and to determine that application on its merits.'