

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE  
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE  
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. BRELADE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2019**

**Question**

Given that the Island has no air links at all with France and no sea links to France mid-week during the winter period, will the Minister consider incentivising carriers to provide air links and more comprehensive maritime connections with France?

**Answer**

Air and sea connectivity is vital to the Island. It supports the movement of freight, which underpins the successful operation of our just-in-time supply chain; provides the connectivity that is crucial to the success of our economy, in particular tourism; and enables residents to travel on holiday and to visit family and friends.

It is critically important for business and residents alike that we continue to grow connectivity to the Island. We are always prepared to look at new routes - as long as they are viable into the future - and in the past this has included start-up incentives.

However, the Ports of Jersey, Visit Jersey and Government officers are already working with our airline partners and Condor to promote Jersey overseas and secure links to new destinations, including France. This is ongoing work and the Government remains committed to providing the resources required to continue to grow air and sea connectivity.

Since the incorporation of Ports of Jersey in 2015, air connectivity has improved each year. Passenger numbers at Jersey Airport are now the highest they have been in 20 years, providing direct connectivity to 26 destinations in the UK and 20 destinations in Europe.