

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 2010**

Question

Will the Minister explain why he has not responded to letters or e mails from Marine Leisure Growth Group members St Helier Boat Owners Association dated 16th February, 18th March, 22nd March and 24th September 2010 given that his department requested consultation, and would he explain how this contributes to a good working relationship?

Will the Minister give details of how many items of correspondence are outstanding or are awaiting a reply to all the members of the Marine Leisure Growth Group for longer than 9 months, longer than 6 months, longer than 3 months, or longer than 28 days?

Answer

I would like to thank the Deputy of St John for bringing this matter to my attention. I have indeed been remiss in responding to a letter from the Chairman of the St Helier Boat Owners Association.

I have however spoken to the Chairman and I have invited him to meet with me.

I am only aware of one piece of written correspondence that requires an answer although email reminders regarding this letter have been received.

I would like to point out to members that my Assistant Minister with responsibility for Harbours & Airport and Jersey Harbours have made great efforts to improve communication with boat owners and other harbour stakeholders.

Jersey Harbours have regular meetings with the Chairman of the St Helier Boat Owners Association as they do with all such associations.