

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd MARCH 2010**

Question

“Why was it felt necessary in a recession to refurbish the Elizabeth Terminal, what was the cost and where has that money come from?”

Answer

The Elizabeth Terminal was constructed in 1987 and although the original footprint of the building has been extended on several occasions, this is the first refurbishment. In recent years comments from the general public have been received on the poor impression the Elizabeth Terminal was giving to visitors to the Island as the gateway to Jersey. Whilst the Island is facing a recession the passenger figures through the Terminal have remained positive in 2009, in particular UK routes experienced growth.

This investment is maintaining and improving essential infrastructure and represents important support for the tourism industry.

Our business partners Condor Ferries are also taking the opportunity to undertake, in parallel, a substantial upgrade of their front of house operation at their own costs.

The refurbishment work is currently being undertaken by a local company who submitted the most cost effective tender. The £400,000 project is funded from the Jersey Harbours Trading Fund. The States approved Harbours Capital Programme within the States of Jersey Business Plan 2008/09 which included the overdue upgrade of the Elizabeth Terminal.