WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HERRISIER OF ST. SAVIOUR

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2005

Ouestion

Would the President identify the number of passengers carried to and from the Elizabeth Terminal by bus during the last 12 months, and at what cost?

Answer

Information provided by Connex reveals that 2,731 passengers boarded the bus on Route 19 at Elizabeth Terminal. It is not possible to determine the numbers who got off the bus at that stop as the ticketing system does not identify where a passenger alights – it simply records which fare band the passenger wishes to travel to. There is no cost to the taxpayer of this stop as it is part of the existing network – similarly, there was no increase in cost when the changes to the Route 19 were implemented.

Although this equates to about only seven people per day, this is the sole public transport link between the Waterfront complex and the town and will, inevitably, become more popular as development progresses. Furthermore, I believe the Committee would be severely and properly criticised if it were to suggest that this link would no longer run. The Deputy is also reminded that one of the main reasons for providing this route was to allow children living on the Waterfront to access La Pouquelaye and Haute Vallée schools. With more residents moving into the area, this will also be likely to increase ridership.