

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2015**

**Question**

Following the admission in a scrutiny hearing that the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service is currently under-resourced, what bids, if any, for extra funding will the Minister be making to ensure that further savings made from 2017 onwards will not risk the Service's ability to function properly?

**Answer**

Due to previous spending reviews there was an associated reduction in resources in the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service. However, for a number of years the Service has examined and successfully introduced methods of working that have increased efficiency and effectiveness within available budgets without adversely affecting the functions of the Service.

More recently, using the LEAN methodology, the Service has augmented controls at the borders and reduced overtime through an increased use of the multifunctional system of working of Officers.

Currently my Officers from both Customs and Immigration and the States of Jersey Police are examining ways for further collaborative working.

Increased collaboration will result in further efficiencies and will mitigate any risk to the Service's ability to function properly should further savings be required from 2017 onwards.

It is therefore not my intention to make any bid for extra funding for the Customs and Immigration Service.