

**WRITTEN QUESTION THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th JULY 2011**

Question

Will the Minister provide to Members the non-confidential details of the contract between his department and NATS, setting out specifically -

- (a) the cost of, duration and detailed services provided by the company;
- (b) the number of personnel employed in Jersey on a full and part time basis (including those coming to the Island on a regular basis to perform specific functions);
- (c) whether his department pays the salary/wages of these personnel and if so, the sums payable to them;
- (d) whether his department provides accommodation for the NATS personnel, and if so, the nature and cost of this accommodation.

Answer

- (a) Following the retirement of the former Air Traffic Control Manager in 2007, Jersey Airport was unable to find an internal candidate to take over the role of air traffic control manager. National Air Traffic Services (NATS) was approached and a 5-year contract was established to provide Jersey Airport with a suitable manager who could manage both air traffic control operation and who had the necessary knowledge and skills to oversee the transition into a new air traffic control facility. The contract concludes in October 2012. The costs of this service is referred to in answer to question (c)
- (b) As detailed above one member of full time staff has been appointed to this role to carry out the specific function of manager of air traffic control. Jersey Airport also recruited the services of an engineering specialist who has provided specialist support up to and during the transmission of the new air traffic control facility. This support was provided on an ad-hoc basis and is due to come to end by the end of summer 2011.
- (c) Jersey Airport does not directly pay the salary for these staff. They are employed and salaried by National Air Traffic Services (NATS), as part of the commercially confidential contract.
- (d) As part of the agreement with NATS, Jersey Airport has secured 3-bedroom accommodation for the full time employee. This is also occupied by the employee and his family. The rental of this accommodation equates to £1,750 per month which is paid for by Jersey Airport. All other expenses for the property are borne by the employee. When required, Jersey Airport has arranged hotel accommodation for the engineering support worker, obtaining the most competitive price available at the time.