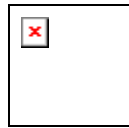


ELIZABETH TERMINAL: ALTERATION AND REFURBISHMENT

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

- (a) to approve drawings Nos. 308A/310D/312C showing internal alteration and refurbishment of the Elizabeth Terminal, Elizabeth Harbour, St. Helier;
- (b) to authorise the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

HARBOURS AND AIRPORT COMMITTEE

- Notes:
1. The Planning and Environment Committee approved these drawings under Development Permit No. PB/2001/1840 dated 17th July 2001.
 2. The Home Affairs Committee, by its Act No. A15 of 22nd February 2001, supported the Impôts Department's bid for funding for the reconfiguration of the Custody and Detention Suite at the Elizabeth Terminal. In doing so, it noted that the improvement of the currently inadequate facilities is a necessary consequence of significant new legislation relating to both Human Rights and Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence. The Committee also strongly supports the proposition that these improvements should be included in the planned refurbishment by the Harbours Department of the Elizabeth Terminal. It notes that to combine these two projects will not only result in significant savings, but will also cause less disruption to the travelling public.
 3. The Finance and Economics Committee's comments are to follow.

Report

In 1999, the Harbours and Airport Committee received a confidential report on security in the Port of St. Helier. The report contained the future strategy required to conform to the Maritime Security (Jersey) Order 1996 and recommended that -

- restricted zones be created around the passenger terminals;
- an identity card system be introduced to encompass all persons entering the restricted zones on a regular basis, excepting passengers and required boarding cards;
- passenger search facilities to be provided for the terminal buildings similar to those at airports;
- that the Elizabeth Terminal be provided with a facility for vehicle searching to take place.

As a result, a planned programme was drawn up, divided into a series of individual projects, in order to achieve least disruption to maintaining efficient passenger and freight flows and not to put too much pressure on scarce resources in the building industry.

The first project in the series was the construction of a vehicle search building which was completed late last year. The other requirements were the foot passenger search facility and a new access to the east berth from the terminal, which were completed early this year, and the unaccompanied baggage search check-in and luggage conveyor system.

This request will also cover the maintenance and replacement of the building's existing cladding, an extension to the covered area for luggage handling, together with the installation of electrically powered doors to the customs vehicle hall. (This work would normally be carried out as part of Jersey Harbours' building maintenance programme, however, it has been recognised that to group all sections of work together as one project will provide significant savings.)

In addition to the above, the Harbours and Airport Committee received a request from Jersey Customs this March to carry out work to make extensive alterations in order to comply with the requirements of the Human Rights (Jersey) Law 2000 and the proposed Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence Law, which will soon become statute law. Essentially, the holding areas for suspects arriving at either the airport or the harbours are by today's standards now found to be inadequate. The Committee acknowledged that if reorganisation of the Customs area was left to a later date, it would cause significant disruption to passenger services, whereas if included within the Maritime Security programme, it would cause least passenger interference and furthermore make significant financial savings to the public as the work would be incorporated within an existing contract with contractors and plant available on site.

The drawings thus also include the refurbishment of the Customs suite which is to alter the Customs passenger lanes, accommodate interview rooms, storeroom and reposition the Customs search area, including alterations and upgrading of the detention suite facility. The works have been quantified and costed and the tenders will not be accepted unless they are within the funding allocated within Departmental budgets, as agreed with the States Treasury.

There are no manpower implications for the States.