

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2013**

Question

What have been the percentages and monetary fee rises in each of the last 5 years for Harbour mud berth charges and what rises are predicted for each of the next 2 years?

How are these rises justified?

Answer

At the end of 2009 Port of Jersey made a decision to review the outer harbour mooring dues and replace it with a simpler system based on overall length rather than square metreage.

This decision and justification, which received Ministerial approval was subsequently communicated to and accepted by interested parties, including representatives from Boat Owners Associations, Yacht Clubs and the newly established marine leisure development group. Consultation with and feedback from these interested parties continues and an open two-way communication process is actively encouraged.

Following an extensive UK and French based bench-marking process it was found that our charges were still considerably lower than those in the UK.

The percentage fee increases since 2009 are as follows:

- 2009 – Fees increase by 3.9%;
- 2010 – No increase as change of structure based on overall length rather than square metreage;
- 2011 – Fees increase by 20%;
- 2012 – Fees increase by 20%;

The proposed fee increase of 20% for 2013 has been deferred and split over 2013 and 2014. This has been approved by the Assistant Minister for Economic Development and communicated to interested parties

As an example, charges for an 6-metre vessel based in St Helier's Old Harbour, St Aubin or Gorey, increased by £33.50 per year from £206.50 to £240 per year

The fees have contributed to part fund major works programmes to improve conditions and facilities for mariners at numerous harbour sites, administered by Ports of Jersey. These include:

- £700k - Dredging work at St Aubin's Harbour
- £1.3m - Repairs to the north and south arm of St Aubin's Harbour
- £72k - New crane at St Aubin
- £700k - New pontoons at La Collette Yacht basin
- £146k - Improvements to mud moorings at South Pier, St Helier

£50k - Replacement of chains and mooring bouys at Gorey Harbour

Forthcoming works to be carried out include:

£3m - Repairs to the Pier at Gorey Harbour

£36k - Grouting repair work at St Aubin's Fort