

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2013**

Question

Can the Minister, as the shareholder representative, clarify whether or not Jersey and Guernsey pay the same rates with regard to importing electricity from France; what these rates are, and if they differ, why?

Answer

The Minister is advised that the JEC and GEL receive different volumes of electricity but the core price is contractually the same for both Islands. GEL however pays a higher cost because they incur additional transmission losses when electricity moves through the subsea cable between both Islands. A confidentiality agreement exists between the CIEG and EDF and for that reason it is not possible to discuss specific pricing arrangements.

As background the Channel Islands Electricity Grid (CIEG), being a joint venture company owned by Jersey Electricity plc (JEC) and Guernsey Electricity Limited (GEL), has a framework agreement to purchase electricity with EDF in France.