

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2006

Question

Would the Minister inform members whether he intends to reduce the number of bollards at the Airport?

Answer

As States Members will be aware, a new Airport Director has recently been appointed. The new director is undertaking a full review of all the airport operations. This review, expected to be completed by 30 June 2006, includes roadways in the airport precinct, ground transport facilities (including taxis), car-parking and amenities. It would therefore be premature to consider removing any bollards until the review has been completed. It is important that the elements of the review are allowed to be considered in the context of the total operational environment.

The bollards in question were installed to address safety concerns associated with drivers of vehicles performing U-turns in front of the terminal and so endangering pedestrians and other vehicles. The bollards mitigated these accident risks but it is acknowledged that they have been the subject of some criticism.

Further to the operational review, consideration must be given to costs associated with the removal of any bollards and their subsequent re-use. States Members would rightly be concerned with any unnecessary wastage associated with the removal of some or all of the bollards if indeed this action is deemed necessary.