

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2008

Question

Would the Minister advise whether Jersey Heritage Trust purchased two ferries in the sum of £500,000 for the Castle Ferry service and, if so, outline all the reasons for this purchase?

Answer

The amphibious vehicle service to Elizabeth Castle was previously operated privately under contract with the Jersey Heritage Trust in return for an annual fee payable by the Trust. I can confirm that the Jersey Heritage Trust has now elected to take over the running of the service itself rather than to pay a third party. An agreement was reached, which includes but is not limited to the purchase of the vehicles, to facilitate this arrangement. I have asked the Jersey Heritage Trust to supply me with a report into the background to the purchase and it would be premature for me to comment further on the detail in advance of having received that report.