

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF GROUVILLE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2016**

Question

Will the Minister for Home Affairs provide details, for each of the last three years, of –

- (a) the number of road side checks carried out by the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service to detect the misuse of Duty Free Hydrocarbon Oil (Red Diesel);
- (b) any other checks or actions carried out by the Customs and Immigrations Service to detect misuse of Duty Free fuel, excluding checks carried out under the registration scheme that was launched in December 2015;
- (c) the number of vehicles detected misusing Duty Free fuel in those checks or actions;
- (d) the number of prosecutions that have resulted from those checks?

Answer

Duty Free fuel can be lawfully used in tractors and associated agricultural machinery, plant machinery, vehicles used solely for refuelling aircraft, lifting and handling vehicles, aircraft, marine craft and used as furnace fuel. It can be sourced in two ways;

1. Direct delivery to an End User from an Approved Hydrocarbon Oil Supplier a process controlled by the new registration scheme
2. Bought from an approved garage or marine concession controlled by compliance visits, audits and monthly submissions detailing onward sales.

For the years 2013, 2014 & 2015

- (a) A total of sixteen road side checks were conducted in conjunction with Parish Honorary Police, Driver Vehicles Standards Department and States of Jersey Police.
 - 2013 = 6
 - 2014 = 5
 - 2015 = 5
- (b) Other checks and/or actions to detect misuse of Duty Free fuel
 - (i) Seven garage forecourts are approved to store and supply Duty Free fuel. Each garage submits a monthly return to Customs & Immigration detailing the onward sales. A total of 252 submissions were received for the period 2013 - 2015.
 - 2013 = 84 submissions
 - 2014 = 84 submissions
 - 2015 = 84 submissions
 - Customs officers conducted at least one compliance visit to each garage during the period 2013 - 2015
 - (ii) Five marine concessions are approved to store and supply Duty Free fuel. Each concession submits a drawback request to obtain a refund on the duty paid. The drawback requests are reconciled against metered fuel delivery tickets.
 - 2013 = 112 drawbacks approved
 - 2014 = 129 drawbacks approved
 - 2015 = 131 drawbacks approved

- Customs officers have either audited or conducted compliance visits to all five marine concessions during the period 2013 – 2015

(c) 0

(d) 0

Miscellaneous

1. 2014 - A company employee accidentally filled a vehicle with red diesel. Customs were informed immediately and the relevant duty was collected.
2. 2015 - A company employee accidentally filled a vehicle with red diesel. The manager informed Customs immediately and the vehicle's tanks were flushed.