

**QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HARBOURS AND AIRPORT
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER 2003 BY SENATOR E.P. VIBERT**

Question 1

Would the President –

- (a) advise whether the Committee is in favour of competition on the northern Jersey-UK bearing in mind the Committee welcomed competition on the southern route?
- (b) confirm whether any senior manager of the Committee has visited the Administrateur Judiciaire, Madame Gautier, in Rennes since the recent difficulties involving Emeraude Lines began?

Answer

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Senior managers of the Committee were present when the Committee met with the Administrateur Judiciaire in Jersey.

Question 2

Is the President aware that when the Committee seized the Solidor V, it had the effect of freezing Emeraude Lines' bank account at Lloyds TSB and this was the reason why the bank refused their cheque of £20,000 which the President referred to at the last sitting of the States as having been dishonoured?

Answer

No. As a matter of law, the seizure of the Solidor V could not operate to freeze the bank account held by the company at Lloyds TSB. It follows that this cannot have been the reason why the bank refused to pay the cheque.