

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister advise, in respect of Liberty Bus –

- (a) the total financial return made from on-Island operations to the parent company, HCT Group, since the commencement of the Liberty Bus contract with the States of Jersey; and
- (b) whether he holds any information to show how this return compares with the financial returns made by HCT Group-run services in other jurisdictions?

Answer

- (a) As with the previous contract dating from 2002 and awarded to Connex Bus UK, the 2013 Bus Operating Contract was competitively tendered under Treasury procurement rules. As such, the financial information submitted as part of that tender process was and remains commercially confidential. Information about financial returns is included within HCT Group's own published accounts.
- (b) HCT Group's stated aim is to use the profits they make from operating commercial contracts to fund charitable activities and community reinvestment in the local authority areas where their subsidiaries are based. No information on other HCT Group subsidiaries is held as this is not relevant to the performance of the Jersey Bus Operating Contract.