

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2010**

Question

“What action, if any, will the Minister be taking to investigate the proposed increases in tariff charges by the Jersey Electricity Company from 1st October 2010, particularly in relation to 3 phase private house holders, general domestic tariffs and Economy 7 and ensure that the said increases are justified?”

Answer

Officials have contacted the JEC and confirmed that there are no increases being proposed to the current advertised tariffs.

The Company has discovered a historical anomaly in tariff setting for ‘daily service charges’ (charges meant to recover cost of metering, additional phases and related infrastructure). The JEC are bound to remove these anomalies where identified to ensure that they charge the correct advertised tariffs for 3 phase daily service charges to all customers. As these have in some cases been charged at the lower single phase daily service charge rate it has meant that customers are being treated unfairly and that one section of the public is receiving an advantage over others.

The JEC realize that this is an internal error and so are not looking to retrospectively recover shortfalls and are giving customers 6 months notice to plan for this and/ or revert back to a single phase supply should they wish to do so. As such the Minister is satisfied that the company is acting correctly and in good faith.