WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS BY DEPUTY J. RENOUF OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 19th MAY 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th MAY 2025

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"Further to media reports that Jersey Airport has been placed in "Special Attention" by the Office of the Director of Civil Aviation due to the change in Operational Leadership, will the Minister advise whether there were any other reasons for the Airport being placed in Special Attention, in particular whether it was due to either security lapses or a lack of qualified air traffic control personnel; and if such other situations have impacted the position of the Airport, what actions are being taken to rectify these; and will he further state whether the Airport was at imminent risk of being shut down by the relevant authorities?"

Answer

I was advised on 7th February 2025 that Jersey Airport was being placed under 'Special Attention' by the Office of the Director of Civil Aviation, which is Level 1 - the lowest level - of an escalation procedure. This action followed an organisational restructure at Ports of Jersey. The DCA and PoJ are now working to address the issues raised by the DCA. I have been briefed, as is appropriate at Level 1, in high-level terms on the reasons for the escalation, and I am not aware of other reasons for the Special Attention measures being applied. Level 1 carries no risk of Jersey Airport being subject to sanction or suspension of operations by Office of the Director of Civil Aviation, or any other agency.