

**Response to Questions Pursuant to Rule 14
of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees**

Subject: Provision of Aviation Fuel in Alderney
States' Member: Alderney Representative Alex Snowdon
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Question 1

Can the STSB confirm the circumstances under which responsibility for the provision of aviation fuel in Alderney was transferred to the States of Alderney, and whether it was anticipated that this approach could help bring forward a solution?

Answer

In strict legal terms, the provision of fuel is not a prerequisite for an aerodrome, and therefore not a transferred service for which STSB is “responsible”, albeit this service was available at Alderney airport for many years.

The provision of aviation fuel at Alderney Airport was under a concession arrangement with a commercial third party rather than a government service. That ceased because the operator considered the service was no longer economically viable. This was due to the low volume of sales and requirement for investment to upgrade supply facilities and could only continue if significant financial support was made available.

Informal discussions have taken place at a political and officer level over an extended period however in October 2025 the Alderney Policy and Finance Committee advised the STSB that provision had been made in the States of Alderney budget to restore provision of both AvGas and Jet A1 fuel at Alderney Airport and we understand that the States of Alderney continues to pursue that objective, with ongoing support from STSB officers and the political support of the STSB.

Question 2

How long has it been since responsibility for this matter was transferred, and what progress has been made to date? For example, has a preferred procurement route been identified, have discussions been held with potential suppliers, or is there an indicative timetable for delivery? Does the STSB have any observations on the timescales involved, and are there opportunities to help progress the matter further?

Answer

As per answer to question 1, this has been an ongoing objective of the States of Alderney since a budget became formally available in October 2025. The question of reporting on progress is a matter for the States of Alderney.

Question 3

What challenges, if any, have the States of Alderney encountered in seeking to establish a long-term aviation fuel solution? Have there been any difficulties relating to regulatory requirements, procurement processes, or identifying a suitable provider acceptable to Guernsey Ports?

Answer

This is primarily a question for the States of Alderney who are leading and funding the project. Compliance with aerodrome security, and planning or environmental regulation is a general requirement for any new arrangement, and Guernsey Ports will need assurance that an appointed supplier's proposal, installation and safe systems of work meet the relevant aviation fuel regulatory requirements. However the identity of the supplier is not something for which Guernsey Ports would need to provide formal acceptance given that the arrangement would be funded by Alderney. STSB officers will continue to cooperate fully in order to achieve the Alderney States' objective of reinstating fuel supplies.

Question 4

In light of the time that has elapsed since responsibility was transferred, what further steps are now planned to help move the project forward? Additionally, can the President confirm whether the STSB is providing, or would be willing to provide, any additional support to assist the States of Alderney in reaching a successful outcome?

Answer

Guernsey Ports continue to provide technical input and support to the Head of Operations from the States of Alderney who is leading the project on behalf of the States of Alderney. STSB would of course provide reasonable additional technical support if this is required and requested, there is however no budget available to subsidise aviation fuel or its provision.

Question 5

Can the President outline the STSB's understanding of the impact that the absence of aviation fuel in Alderney may be having on the Twin Otter Skybus/ Aurigny service, private aviation, and the wider island economy? What measures, if any, are currently in place to help minimise any adverse effects while a longer-term solution is pursued?

Answer

The technical impact on commercial operations would be a question for Skybus and Aurigny. Specific to General Aviation (GA) and locally-based aircraft owners in Alderney, Guernsey Ports has recently conducted a survey to help understand how we can help support the GA community in the short term. Officers are currently evaluating the feedback. Alderney has its own government and responsibility for economic development so to the extent that this issue is a wider economic one for Alderney, that is an issue which falls to be resolved by the States of Alderney.