REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATES' TRADING SUPERVISORY BOARD TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE BY ALDERNEY REPRESENTATIVE ALEXANDER SNOWDON

Question 1

Could the President confirm that STSB, Guernsey Ports, the States of Alderney, and Rubis are working towards a solution for Jet A1 and Avgas to be provided at Alderney Airport?

Answer

There is a concession in place for the supply of aviation fuel in Alderney. However, we understand the operator, Rubis, has concluded that due the low volumes and the complexity and cost of operation, it is currently not commercially viable. Guernsey Ports accepts the company's position and is not actively seeking an alternative solution. We cannot comment on whether any discussions have been had between States of Alderney and Rubis.

Jet A1 and Avgas both remain available at Guernsey Airport.

Question 2

The loss of these fuel facilities is affecting private aviation, meaning many flyers are no longer prepared to visit Alderney due to no fuel. This, in turn, impacts the island's economy. Can you confirm the numbers of private aviation over the last 15 years?

Answer

Number Of Private Aircraft Movements (per year)					
2010	5,369	2015	4,865	2020	1,692
2011	5,295	2016	5,417	2021	2,612
2012	4,199	2017	5,199	2022	3,802
2013	4,659	2018	5,024	2023	3,210
2014	5,095	2019	4,321	2024	3,207

Question 3

Having no Jet A1 fuel is impacting Aurigny's commercial operations to Alderney, resulting in payload restrictions. Has Aurigny raised these concerns with STSB directly? Is there data showing the impacts to the service and extra costs associated with the reduced payload of aviation service from Aurigny?

Answer

Aurigny has not raised this matter directly with STSB. We understand that Guernsey Ports leadership team were made aware the lack of refuelling availability in Alderney has had some payload impacts, however we understand to date the airline has not provided any specific data to Guernsey Ports. Aurigny may be able to provide this directly.

Question 4

Would STSB be able to confirm when JET A1 and Avgas were last available on Alderney?

Answer

Avgas has not been available since May 2023 and Jet A1 since February 2024.

Question 5

Has an assessment been undertaken by Guernsey Ports/ STSB to reinstate the fuels in Alderney, and what are the projected costs?

Answer

As already highlighted, the concession holder has indicated the provision of aviation fuel in Alderney is currently not commercially viable. Guernsey Ports is aware of the likely level of subsidy that would be requested to restore the supply of aviation fuel at Alderney Airport, which may be commercially sensitive to Rubis. However, the States of Alderney may have had separate discussions with Rubis in this regard, and therefore may be aware of the level of financial support that would be required. Guernsey Ports is unable to provide any such subsidy, which would require an increase in the States of Guernsey general revenue funding currently provided for the operation of Alderney Airport by the Policy & Resources Committee.

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