

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026

Question

“Will the Minister advise what correspondence has taken place with DFDS following the Tarifa Jet’s collision with Elizabeth Harbour’s east berth on 29th March 2026, and whether the incident activates any agreement clauses, and if so, which clauses and what actions are being taken?”

Answer

There has been close, daily coordination between Government, the harbour authority, and DFDS since the allision on 29th March 2026 through a Tactical Coordination Group. Ministers have been kept closely informed. Owing to particular aspects of the incident, under the Concession Agreement, the Government issued a formal Emergency Operator Event letter on 30th March 2026. These aspects include:

1. Release of an amount of oil / lubricant into the harbour
2. Temporary harbour blockage
3. Requirement for contingency arrangements to be mobilised

Under the clauses in the Concession Agreement, the Government was able to instruct DFDS to: immediately replace the Tarifa Jet with a suitable substitute vessel; to take all necessary mitigation measures around the effects of the incident; and to keep the Government fully appraised of its actions and developments.