

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2014**

Question

Is the Minister as the sole shareholder in JT and the representative of the public interest, satisfied that there exists a "level playing field" for companies connecting to the JT network as wholesale customers to promote the sale of office telephone systems? If not, why not?

Answer

The sale of office (and home) phone systems is an open and competitive market that is served by providers that do not have a presence in the Island as well as a number of local providers that do, JT, Nitel and JET, amongst others.

These providers almost always connect to a licensed network, JT being the principal one in Jersey, although there are others. Local companies such as Nitel compete on a level playing field with other providers.

The Minister is advised that complaints of this nature were made to CICRA in 2012 and a full investigation took place into an allegation that JT was abusing a dominant position in the supply, installation and servicing of office telephone systems. The conclusion of the investigation was that there was no case to answer, with the CICRA file having been subsequently closed in early 2013. Nevertheless the Minister is always mindful of the need to maintain cost effective telephone and data networks for both local people and businesses, and if change is necessary it will be considered.