

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

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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister advise when Loganair were first contacted with the intent that they would take over routes that were being operated by Blue Islands; and will he advise to what extent Blue Islands were involved in discussions, and if they were not part of such conversations, why not?”

Answer

The island operates an “Open Skies” policy and does not control any airline. This was a commercial activity between two privately owned airlines that the government had a valid interest in.

In June 2025 Ministers met with representatives of Loganair, at their request, following the airlines’ participation in the Blue Islands sale process, Ministers were at that time informed of Loganair’s intention to also begin operating a Jersey-Southampton route (which was subsequently announced in July 2025) and their broader interest in the Channel Islands market. The negotiations between Loganair and Blue Islands continued between two commercial parties.

In light of concerns regarding Blue Islands’ ongoing sustainability and following the Council of Ministers decision, on 14th November, not to continue funding Blue Islands, Ports of Jersey contacted Loganair to ensure a contingency solution would be available should the directors of Blue Islands decide to cease trading and / or declare an insolvency event. This contingency arrangement ensured that Loganair could step-in quickly (from Sunday 16th November) to sustain Jersey connectivity.