

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

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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2025

Question

“Will the Minister advise the total sum of money spent by Ports of Jersey and/or by the Government on route support, either for new air routes or to sustain existing routes, for each of the years 2015 to date?”

Answer

Ports of Jersey has not subsidised from its own funds any airline to fly to Jersey since its incorporation in 2015 but has acted as a conduit for Government grants noted below.

Ports of Jersey does have contractual agreements with its airline partners to deliver the resilient and sustainable connectivity on which the Island depends. In line with industry practice, Ports of Jersey may offer discounts on its published fees and charges to incentivise growth and encourage new routes to be developed.

Regarding the recent collapse of Blue Islands, at the request of the Government of Jersey, Ports of Jersey extended credit above the levels normally offered to airlines at Government’s request in order to ensure that the essential lifeline connectivity for the Island was maintained. At the time of its collapse, Blue Islands had an outstanding debtor balance of £3.2m.

The Government has provided the following route support grants since 2015:

- Route Marketing Grant to support resumption of air connectivity following the pandemic:
 - 2021: £550,000 Route Marketing Grant
 - 2022: £400,000 Route Marketing Grant
 - 2023: £300,000 Route Marketing Grant

A further breakdown of the above funds is not possible due to the commercial confidentiality of such agreements.

- Better Business Support Package:
 - 2025: £1,000,000 (contracts with airlines in place and payments in arrears) and £40,000 in the summer of 2025 from the Economy Department budget in support of an eight-week trial air route by Finistair followed by a two week extension.