

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

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To	President, Committee <i>for</i> Economic Development
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Question 1

Deputy Trott, the Vice-President of the Policy & Resources Committee, and a former Chief Minister, recently suggested in the pages of the Guernsey Press (6th March) that the States as a body could be interested in acquiring viable Heathrow Airport landing slots for Government. Would Economic Development support this shrewd initiative at face value?

Question 2

Should the Economic Development Committee consider the changing landscape of regional UK aviation, combined with the current Covid 19 Coronavirus crisis and the more ongoing climate change emergency, a suitable opportunity to negotiate with the management of London Heathrow Airport for a permanent link?

Question 3

Would the Economic Development Committee consider three flights per weekday to London Heathrow a boon for business, shuttle commerce, Locate Guernsey growth and tourism or arts and leisure sporting sectors?

Question 4

Would Economic Development be prepared to raise the issue of insular connectivity in the absence of alternative train services for remote island communities, a useful topic to raise at British Irish Council agenda levels, or more directly through Policy & Resources to Senior Ministerial British Government levels?

Question 5

Will Economic Development consider financially supporting new routes to the UK or Europe to compensate for the loss of the Flybe network and develop new relationships with airlines such as Logan Air or other opportunities?