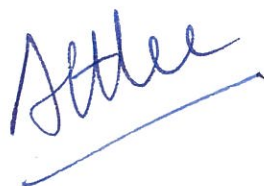


**Lord Berkeley asked Her Majesty's Government:** Whether any legislation is required to enable them to provide or approve a Public Service Obligation or Public Service Contract in connection with a passenger or freight transport service to the Isles of Scilly. **[HL5189]**

**Earl Attlee:** Whether any proposal for a Public Service Obligation or Public Service Contract was covered by existing legislative powers would depend upon the details of that proposal and the circumstances in which it was made. Relevant existing legislation includes Council Regulation (EEC) No 3577/92 and section 34 of the Transport Act 1968 in relation to ferries, and EC Regulation 1008/2008 in relation to air travel. Any such proposal would also have to comply with EU State Aid rules.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Attlee', with a horizontal line underneath it.

12 February 2013