

Access to Public Information Response

August 10th 2016

REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on August 10th 2016:

- * Please disclose the salary of the chief fire officer;
- * Please provide a breakdown of all benefits, fees, allowances, bonuses, relocation payments and private medical insurance payments for the chief fire officer in the last financial year. In providing the breakdown please disclose the type of benefit, allowance etc and the cost;
- * Please disclose the value of pension contributions for the chief fire officer in the last financial year;
- * Please disclose the total amount claimed in expenses by the chief fire officer in the last financial year;
- * Please disclose whether the chief fire officer has a car provided and, if so: * the model of the car * its purchase price or the hire/rental cost;
- * Please disclose the number of days holiday taken by the chief fire officer in the last financial year.

Response from the States of Guernsey on August 15th 2016:

As set out within the Code of Practice, the States of Guernsey is committed to releasing information and responding positively wherever possible to requests for information. However, it is acknowledged that in well-defined circumstances limited to openness are also necessary. In these limited cases, exemptions apply to the presumption of disclosure so to protect the privacy of individuals and/or Guernsey's legal, commercial, and competitive or public interests.

Section 2.8 of Part 2 of the Code of Conduct on Access for Public Information establishes an exception to the presumption of disclosure in respect of matters of public employment that is requests surrounding personnel records including those relating to recruitment, promotion and security of vetting and personal details of employees.

The questions that you raise in relation to the Chief Fire Officer and the terms surrounding his employment fall within the public employment exception and therefore, applying this exception, the States of Guernsey will not be in a position to respond to your request.