

Access to Public Information Response

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REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

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I'd like to ask how much the States spends per year on cleaning and/or compensation for owners of privately-owned cars and properties which have been dirtied by sewage spills or leakage from sewage vehicles.

If possible could you also tell me how regularly it's an issue, how often do people come to you saying their car or property has been affected by spilled sewage from those vehicles? Any additional information or comment is of course also welcome.

States of Guernsey responded on January 1st 2016:

In 2016, there were 15 recorded incidents of a customer's property or vehicle being dirtied by spillages during the cesspit emptying process. To put this into context, the States Works collects in the order of 165,000 loads a year.

The total cost of cleaning these spillages last year was just under £2,100.