REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF THE TREASURY AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY SOULSBY

Question 1

Transforming Primary Education

On 30 September 2013 I requested that the Education Department, in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure, provide me with details regarding a Mr Chris Edwards who has worked with the Department in relation to the production of the above report.

In their response, received today, they advise that Mr Edwards' research was funded through the Treasury and Resources Department's Financial Transformation Programme and that the total number of days authorised for his support to the Education Department stands at 60, of which half have been used to support the Primary Transformation Project.

Opening Comment

It should be noted that the Financial Transformation Programme is owned and run by the Policy Council as directed by the States. The Treasury and Resources Department simply acts as the contract owner.

I should be grateful if you could advise me on the following;

The terms of reference on which Mr Edwards was appointed.

Answer

Mr Edwards' services have been secured as part of the overall FTP contract with Capita Business Services Limited. The detailed terms of reference were agreed with the Education Department following the request for resource to support the Department's work.

Ouestion 2

The total amounts paid to Mr Edwards with respect to his work on the Primary Transformation Project, including expenses.

Answer

No amounts have been paid to Mr Edwards direct. No amounts have been paid to Capita at this point other than the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Mr Edwards.

Should the Education Department proposals be successful in the States, Capita Business Services will be paid a one off fee of 6.5% of the total savings secured.

Question 3

The other FTP projects on which Mr Edwards is assisting the States of Guernsey, together with hours worked and contracted and total amounts paid and budgeted, including expenses.

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Answer

Mr Edwards is an Education specialist and he is therefore only working with the Education Department. We understand that he is assisting the Department with a number of other FTP projects, including the review of the central Education Department and review of secondary education.

No amounts have been paid to Mr Edwards direct. No amounts have been paid to Capita at this point other than the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Mr Edwards. Should any of the projects on which he is working result in recurring savings to the States, Capita Business Services will be paid a one off fee of 6.5% of the total savings secured.

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Date of Reply: 18th October 2013