

**REPLY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
TO A QUESTION ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 6 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY M M LOWE**

Question 1

In respect of each month during the periods May 2012 - December 2012 and January 2013 – December 2013 & January 2014-December 2014

a) How many flights paid for by the States did the political members of Public Accounts Committee take?

Answer

June 2012 – 1 (Deputy H J R Soulsby)

2013 - None

October 2014 – 0.5 (Deputy P A Sherbourne - costs split with Scrutiny Committee)

b) To which destinations did the political members of Public Accounts Committee travel on those flights?

Answer

London Gatwick

c) What were the departure and return dates in respect of each trip from Guernsey?

Answer

Deputy H J R Soulsby – Dates: 11/06/2012-13/06/2012 (2 nights)

Deputy P A Sherbourne – Dates 12/10/2014-16/10/2014 (3 nights)

Question 2

Which hotels paid for by the States did the political members of Public Accounts Committee stay and for which nights during 2012 (from May 1 only), 2013 and 2014

Answer

Deputy H J R Soulsby - Premier Inn, Westminster Bridge:
11/06/2012-12/06/2012 (2 nights)

Deputy P A Sherbourne - Premier Inn, Westminster Bridge:
12/10/2014-15/10/2014 (3 nights)

Question 3

What is the total cost of air fares, hotels and any other expenditure, including any standard day allowances in relation to the out of the island trips representing the States during 2012 (from May 1 only), 2013 and 2014

Answer

2012 - Deputy H J R Soulsby - £900.20

2013 - £0.00 (none)

2014 - £313.00 Deputy P A Sherbourne (*Cost split with Scrutiny Committee)

Question 4

What is the total staff cost during the periods 2012 (from May 1 only), 2013 and 2014 of air fares, hotels and any other expenditure involved including any standard day allowances when accompanying, or joining the political members of Public Accounts Committee when travelling out of the island representing the States?

Answer

2012 - £0.00

2013 - £0.00

2014 - £626.00

Question 5

Would you agree to publish travelling expenditure as a minimum annually and that in future such information will be made public by the end of January each year?

Answer

Yes

Date of Receipt of the Question: 7th January 2015

Date of Reply: 20th January 2015