

**REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 6 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY MARY LOWE**

Question 1

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

- (a) *How many flights paid for by the States did the political Members of Environment take?*
- (b) *To which destinations did the political Members of Environment travel on those flights?*
- (c) *What were the departure and return dates in respect of each trip from Guernsey?*

Answer

(a) Two trips were undertaken by political Members of the Environment Department. In both cases the outward and inward journeys required two flights resulting in a total of 8 flights paid for by the States.

(b) Edinburgh and the Isle of Man.

| (c) | Destination | Departure Date | Return Date |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | Edinburgh | 06/09/2012 | 07/09/2012 |
| | Isle of Man | 14/10/2014 | 15/10/2014 |

Question 2

Which hotels paid for by the States did the political Members of Environment stay and for which nights during 2012 (from 1 May only), 2013 and 2014?

Answer

The Royal Terrace Hotel, Edinburgh on 6 September 2012
The Sefton Hotel, Isle of Man on 14 October 2014

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 Island trips representing the States during 2012 (from 1 May only), 2013 and 2014?

Answer

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| 2012 (May onwards) | £413.57 |
| 2013 | - |
| 2014 | £533.70 |
| Total | £947.27 |

Question 4

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

Answer

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| 2012 (May onwards) | £434.79 |
| 2013 | - |
| 2014 | £533.70 |
| Total | £968.49 |

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.

Responding to these questions has cost the department circa £40.

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Date of Reply: 21st January 2015