

**REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF  
THE EDUCATION 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 Education take?*
- b) *To which destinations did the political members of Education travel on those flights?*
- c) *What were the departure and return dates in respect of each trip from Guernsey*

**Answer 1a**

A spreadsheet is attached.

- 2012 the total number of flights taken by the political members of Education and paid for by the States was 5
- 2013 the total number of flights taken by the political members of Education and paid for by the States was 11
- 2014 the total number of flights taken by the political members of Education and paid for by the States was 6

**Answer 1b**

See attached spreadsheet.

**NB** the majority of the trips were to Alderney and they are a statutory requirement, as St. Anne's School is one of the Bailiwick's States maintained schools.

**Answer 1c**

See attached spreadsheet.

**Question 2**

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

**Answer 2**

See attached spreadsheet.

**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 May 1 only), 2013 and 2014?*

**Answer 3**

See attached spreadsheet.

**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 Education when travelling out of the island representing the States?*

**Answer 4**

See attached spreadsheet.

**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 5**

The Education Board has no objection to the general publication of Deputies travel expenditure when representing the Island on a regular basis and an thinks that an appropriate frequency would be annual publication. Such a publication scheme should operate in accordance with the principles set out in the Policy for Access to Public Information and associated code of practice. However, the Education Board notes that the collation of this data in the format set out in the appended table is significantly time consuming and agrees that work should continue on making the collation, review and publication of this sort of information less resource intensive.

The Education Department notes that the above responses took around four hours of officer time to prepare at an approximate cost of £100.

**Date of Receipt of the Question:** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Date of Reply:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

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