

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

Answer

Details of flight destinations and departure and return dates can be seen in the attached spreadsheet. Overall, between 01st May 2012 and 31st December 2014, the number of flights out of the Bailiwick taken by political members of the Home Department paid for by the States totalled 16 (departures and returns treated as separate flights).

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

Answer

The attached spreadsheet illustrates the hotels used by political members and the dates for which they were occupied.

3. What is the total Cost of airfares, 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

<i>Total Cost for travel by political members:</i>	2012	£600.65
	2013	£558.64
	2014	<u>£550.88</u>
	Total:	£1710.17

<i>Total Cost for travel by political members and staff:</i>	2012	£1,530.32
	2013	£1,025.64
	2014	<u>£1,550.00</u>
	Total:	£4,105.96

More details on costs can be found in the attached spreadsheet.

In addition, within the Bailiwick travel costs of £1790.13 were incurred in travel and accommodation for Alderney Representative Boyd Kelly whom attended Home Department Board meetings in 2012 whilst he was a Member. Further details can be seen in the attached spreadsheet.

4. What is the total staff cost during the periods 2012 (from May 1 only), 2013 and 2014 of airfares, hotels and any other expenditure involved including any standard day allowances when accompanying, or joining the political members of Home Department when traveling out of the Island representing the States?

Answer

<i>Total Cost for travel by officers joining and accompanying political members:</i>	2012	£929.67
	2013	£467.00
	2014	<u>£999.12</u>
	Total:	£2,395.79

More details on costs can be found in the attached spreadsheet.

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

The Home Department is concerned that it would be difficult to amalgamate and publish the necessary travel expenditure data in time for the end of January, particularly due to the other pressures on officer's time during the end of year accounting period. The Department is, however, prepared to agree to publish annual expenditure details as close to the end of January as possible in accordance with any future direction of the States of Deliberation.

Date of Receipt of the Questions: Monday 07th January

Date of Reply: Tuesday 20th January