

**3.21 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade of the President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee regarding use, type, and cost of special advisers by Scrutiny Panels (OQ.148/2025):**

Will the President state the number and type of special advisers engaged by Scrutiny Panels from 2022 to date, including whether they were retained for a single project or on an ongoing general retainer and will she also provide the total cost of such expertise?

**Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North (President, Scrutiny Liaison Committee):**

Scrutiny engage with expert advisers on a regular basis, both paid and unpaid. From the beginning of the current Assembly term in 2022 to date a total of 5 separate contracts have been entered into on behalf of Scrutiny Panels in order to engage expert advisers to provide independent specialist technical advice to the panel during the course of 5 reviews. The contracts have been with 5 different companies or individuals. The total expenditure of this engagement totalled at £62,025. These advisers are appointed on a project-specific basis and Scrutiny has not engaged any advisers on a general retainer.

**3.21.1 Deputy M.R. Scott:**

What is the Greffe budget for special advisers to Scrutiny Panels for this year? Has the Scrutiny Liaison Committee been involved in agreeing it? Was there any underspend last year?

**Deputy I. Gardiner:**

The total budget for this year is £200. It was an underspend last year. I do not have a number in front of me and I am happy to follow it up.