

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
BY SENATOR S.C. FERGUSON  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2009**

**Question**

“Will the Minister confirm that Jersey subscribes to the Association of Chief Police Officers and if so, will he advise the Assembly -

What the total annual cost has been for the past 5 years showing the costs of attending meetings?

What advantages there are for Jersey in being a member?”

**Answer**

1) ACPO's members are police officers who hold the rank of Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable or Assistant Chief Constable, or their equivalents, in the forces of England, Wales, Northern Ireland, national police agencies and forces in the UK, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands, and certain senior non-police staff. Those that hold the office of Chief Officer in States of Jersey Police are members of ACPO.

2) ACPO Subscriptions:

**2005** £100      **2006** £105      **2007** £110      **2008** £115 [covers to May 2010]

Providing a breakdown of all costs involved and linked to ACPO is not possible since it cuts through the whole sphere of the policing business. However, if the question could be re-phrased to identify the costs in question more specifically, the Department will endeavour to answer it.

3) Without the professional support of ACPO, the States of Jersey Police would be unable to function effectively.

The Association of Chief Police Officers [ACPO] is an independent, professionally led strategic body leading and coordinating the direction and development of the police service in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

ACPO's work is on behalf of the Police Service, rather than its own members, and in times of national need, it coordinates the strategic operational response and advises government. This may be national police operations, major investigations, cross border policing, and joint law enforcement task forces.

As the professional body leading the service, the whole range of intelligence, operational and support functions conducted by police are sustained under the ACPO umbrella, including training. There is a daily interface with ACPO, providing access to National Computer Systems, close liaison regarding Border Controls, Serious Crime, Terrorism, and Financial Crime amongst many other areas.