

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th JUNE 2010**

**Question**

“Further to the answer given to question 5382 on 25th May 2010, will the Chief Minister explain who within his department spent £3,219 on taxi fares between 1st May 2009 and 20th April 2010?”

**Answer**

A breakdown of expenditure relating to taxi fares incurred within the Chief Minister’s Department for the period 1st May 2009 to 20th April 2010 is given below. It should be noted that over half of the total expenditure relates to the cost of hiring official cars for transporting the Chief Minister and his guests and dignitaries visiting the Island for official States functions. This includes official functions such as the visits of the Russian Ambassador, the Chinese Ambassador, the Swiss Ambassador and the German Ambassador, dinner with the ex-Governors of Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man, the visit of Lord Bach, the visit of the Bishop of Winchester, attendance at the Queen’s Birthday celebrations, attendance at the Bailiff’s retirement function, attendance at the Madeira Day celebrations and the British Irish Council Ministerial meeting.

The cost of hiring official cars on a ‘when needed’ basis is far less expensive than providing and maintaining a permanent official car for the Chief Minister to use on States business as is the practice in many other jurisdictions.

<b>Person</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Chief Minister	Hire of official cars for States business functions	1744
Chief Minister & French Delegation	Hire of official cars relating to French Delegation - Prefet De La Manche and President of Conseil General de la Manche visit	150
Chief Minister	Taxi expenses relating to official States business	41
Mr Foot & Party	Taxi expenses relating to the HM Treasury Review of Offshore Finance Centres	300
Lord Carswell	Taxi expenses relating to the Review of Crown Officers business	62
Director International Taxation team	Taxi expenses relating to official States business	212
Other officers within Chief Minister’s Department	Taxi expenses relating to official States business by officers within the Chief Minister’s department. These also include those expenses incurred by departmental recruitment processes and external guests and visitors to the Island on official States business	710
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