

2.8 The Deputy of St. Martin of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the staffing of the Civil Aviation Authority and associated costs:

During oral question time on 20th November 2007 the Minister was unable to advise Members of the number of staff that would be required to support the Director to the Civil Aviation Authority and the annual staffing and administration costs. Is the Minister now able to provide these details to the Assembly?

Senator W. Kinnard (The Minister for Home Affairs):

An existing States' employee previously employed at Jersey Airport has transferred to the new post of Director of Civil Aviation. No dedicated support staff are required to support the director. The cost for the last 2 months to 2007 were £22,959 made up of £20,816 for salaries and £2,143 for equipment and general set-up costs. The estimate for 2008 is £109,000 made up of £5,000 in general expenses and possible accommodation costs, which are currently free until April, and £104,000 in salary costs. The financial cost of the office, including staff costs, will be met by payments by Jersey Airport of a licence fee; therefore there will be no net costs to the Home Affairs Department.

The Deputy of St. Martin:

Members will be aware that, just this morning, the Draft Civil Aviation (Jersey) Law 200-(P.18/2008) has been put on our desks. No doubt Members will have an opportunity to raise further questions of the Minister, when it comes up for debate. Thank you, Sir.