

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2010**

Question

“Given that Article 15(2) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 requires the cost of a Senatorial election to be met by the States, would the Minister indicate the actual cost to the Treasury of previous Senatorial by-elections so that Members have an accurate estimate of the figures involved?”

Answer

The last two Senatorial by-elections were held in February 2003 and March 2004 and total costs incurred by the States amounted to £20,251 and £19,373, respectively. The costs of the 2004 by-election comprised:

Parish polling station costs (reimbursed to parishes by the States):	£12,318
Advertising & publicity costs:	<u>£7,075</u>
Total costs:	<u>£19,393</u>

There was no requirement in 2004 for the Privileges and Procedures Committee to publish an election supplement in the JEP, as that requirement was only introduced in 2008. The current cost of the supplement is £7,000 approximately, such that this year's by-election cost is likely to cost in the region of £30,000.