

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2009**

Question

“During the recent drugs case in the Royal Court how many of the police officers involved were from outside forces involved in the protection of witnesses and other duties in the Island and who paid them to be here, where were they housed and at what cost to date?”

Answer

It is not policy for the police to disclose details around operational policing requirements; however mutual aid arrangements were called upon to assist in the provision of additional firearms cover in support of local officers. At any one time eight officers were deployed from UK forces on a rotation basis.

The estimated cost to date is £96,000, including accommodation at local hotels, at £60 per officer per night, which has been charged to the Police budget.

There will be further security issues in respect of the forthcoming sentencing of the convicted men to take place in early December, and thereafter any potential appeal, which will have a financial impact which has not been included in the above estimate.