

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th JULY 2011**

Question

Will the Minister inform members how many persons undertook Jury Service during 2010 along with a breakdown of the length of service served?

Will he inform members whether recompense is available for those who serve as jurors, and whether, in longer cases, where paid leave for a juror is refused by their employer, there are funds available to relieve any hardship experienced?

Answer

The Viscount advises that 180 persons served as jurors in 15 trials over 46.5 days in 2010. Jury trials therefore had an average duration of 3.1 days during 2010 in a range of 1.5 days (shortest) to 8.5 days (longest). While jury service is an important public and honorary duty, the Viscount has discretion to make compensatory payments to jurors who are caused financial hardship by jury service: one juror was duly provided with such assistance in 2010.