

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010**

Question

Will the Minister advise –

- (a) the date when the Wiltshire Constabulary was appointed to investigate “Operation Blast”?
- (b) the terms of reference for the investigation?
- (c) the amount paid to the Wiltshire Constabulary as at 31st December 2009?
- (d) the predicted date of the completion of the investigation?
- (e) the predicted total cost of the investigation?

Answer

- (a) The appointment was made on the 4th September 2009.
- (b) It is not appropriate for me to answer this section of the question due to confidentiality issues.
- (c) The amount paid to the Wiltshire Constabulary from commencement of the investigation into Operation Blast to 31st December 2009 was £155,465. It should be noted that there has been some overlap of costs with the investigation into the suspension of the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police as Officers from Wiltshire Constabulary have been working on both investigations and sharing resources such as travel and accommodation.
- (d) The Deputy Chief Executive has advised that the scheduled date for the completion of the Wiltshire Constabulary investigation is the end of January 2010, which hopefully will be achieved.
- (e) Based on the above completion date the predicted total cost of the investigation by the Wiltshire Constabulary into Operation Blast is £197,700.