

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2010**

**Question**

“In relation to the recent suspension of two senior police officers over the alleged assault of a woman on a boat in St. Helier, would the Minister advise -

- (a) how long each officer was suspended for,
- (b) how much was each officer paid during suspension,
- (c) the length of any investigation and the reasons for its length,
- (d) how much was paid to Thames Valley police for investigating this matter,
- (e) the total cost to the Home Affairs Department/States of Jersey Police for all of the costs associated with this case?”

**Answer**

- (a) Both officers were suspended for a period slightly less than 18 months.
- (b) Both officers were suspended on full pay during the period of suspension, as is customary, the total of which was £249,020.
- (c) There was an investigation, which lasted for slightly less than 18 months. Any investigation takes time, and as the investigation started out as a criminal investigation this added to the length of the overall investigation. The delay attributable to the criminal investigation was approximately 7 months. There was further delay relating to the issue of legal advice for the officers, together with the need to bring an adjudicating officer from the UK. The delay attributable to these factors was approximately 4 months.
- (d) The Thames Valley police made no charge for investigating the matter. Their accommodation was paid for in the total amount of £1,159.
- (e) The total additional cost to the Home Affairs Department / States of Jersey Police of this case is £94,269. This figure includes local police officer costs, the accommodation for Thames Valley Police, acting up costs and legal costs.