

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2009**

Question

What is the cost per annum of imprisoning an inmate at HMP La Moye?
What is the average cost of providing security for an overnight hospital stay for an inmate?

Answer

The cost per prisoner place for 2008 was approximately £52,000, based on the Prison expenditure for 2008 divided by the daily average number of prisoners. This figure includes the charges for 9 prisoner places in England, the costs of which will vary according to the security of the particular UK establishment; current costs charged per head range between £34,000 and £64,000.

Since establishment costs at La Moye remain consistent, the implication is that the lower the numbers of prisoners held at the prison, the higher will be the annual cost per prisoner.

The average cost of providing prison officer cover for an overnight stay in is £650, based on the provision of two experienced officers working a 12 hour overtime shift.