WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY J.A.N. LE FONDRÉ OF ST. LAWRENCE ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2011

Question

Could the Minister identify the cost per year since 1 January 2006 that has been incurred by or on behalf of the States / WEB (now SOJDC) in respect of the Esplanade Quarter and related master planning exercises? Could the Minister also identify the advisers, consultants, architects, etc that have been utilised to either design or advise on the scheme (including in respect of values and/or contracts) and (where not bound by confidentiality) the total fees paid to each firm in each year?

Answer

In 2008 WEB commissioned Hopkins Architects to produce Design Codes for the Esplanade Quarter. These Design Codes were subsequently adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. The costs of the Design Codes were £45,000.

WEB engaged Hopkins Architects in 2010 to prepare a submission to amend the adopted Esplanade Quarter Masterplan to allow six buildings together with an associated basement to be constructed as Phase 1. This work included an animated fly-through to illustrate how the scheme would look. The costs were £43,249.

SoJDC is undertaking detailed designs to implement Phase 1A of the amended masterplan the costs of which will be recorded in its audited accounts in due course. The contractual terms are confidential.

The Planning and Environment Department paid Hopkins Architects a total of £268,000 for their work on the Esplanade Quarter Masterplan between May 2006 and 2008. The Planning and Environment Department has also paid £26,000 in 2008 and £9,000 in 2009 to Davis Arnold Cooper (Lawyers) to assist in the preparation of the Planning Obligation agreement which was an integral part of the outline planning consent for Esplanade Quarter. Chris Shepley and Associates were paid a total of £53,682 in 2008 for the Public Inquiry held into the two applications for the Esplanade Quarter.

The total planning fees received for the two applications to date for Esplanade Quarter are £397,000

The Transport and Technical Services Department (T&TS) incurred the following costs in relation to the Esplanade Quarter:

- Eversheds £155,907
- Capita Symons £278,663
- Parson Brinkerhoff £23,090

For the amounts spent by T&TS £232,000 was recovered from Harcourt. The balance of c£234,000 had to be written off and absorbed by the Department.