

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2009**

**Question**

“How much has it cost to date for the UK’s Central Office for Information (COI) to provide press liaison services to the media in respect of the recent drugs case in the Royal Court?”

Will the Minister provide full details of all sums paid to the COI for the provision of such services from 1st January 2008 to date, including the costs apportioned for the historic child abuse trials?

Will the Minister explain why press liaison services are being provided by a UK agency for the current trial when the States of Jersey Police employs a full time press liaison officer? Can the Minister advise whether the States police press officer is precluded from or unable to provide the service to the media in the current trial?

Will the Minister provide a full breakdown of all press liaison costs for the current trial when it is concluded?”

**Answer**

The Home Affairs Minister/Department and the States of Jersey Police have not employed the services of the UK’s Central Office for Information. The Minister believes that the Court system has done so, but the Minister is not responsible for the Court system, and so it is not appropriate for him to answer on their behalf.