

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2010**

Question

“Will the Minister inform Members –

- (a) of the cost of the historic abuse enquiry from 23rd February 2008 to the date of the former Deputy Chief Officer’s retirement;
- (b) the cost since the appointment of his replacement;
- (c) how the expenditure is monitored and who is the accounting officer legally responsible for expenditure;
- (d) who has political responsibility for the expenditure and how closely the expenditure is monitored?”

Answer

- a) Cost of the historic abuse enquiry from 23rd February 2008 to the date of former Deputy Chief Officer’s retirement - £3,202,600.
- b) The cost since the appointment of his replacement from September 2008 to end March 2010 - £3,710,800.
- c) Financial Management of the enquiry is overseen by a multi-agency Gold Strategic Co-ordinating Group. The Chief Officer of the Home Affairs Department is the Accounting Officer, and member of the Gold Strategic Co-ordinating Group.
- d) The accounting officer of a States funded body is personally accountable for the proper financial management of the resources of the body in accordance with Article 38 of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 Law.

The accounting officer is not responsible for making decisions on policy issues but is accountable for the implementation of policy with due regard to value for money. Policy decisions are the responsibility of ministers. Furthermore, the accounting officer does not have managerial oversight of, nor clearly any operational responsibility for, the States of Jersey Police.

Departmental expenditure is monitored on a regular basis and reported to the Minister in the Quarterly Ministerial Financial Report in accordance with Financial Direction 6.5.