WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE BY DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER SOUTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022

Question

"Will the Minister provide a breakdown, per year, of the set up and maintenance of Jersey's aircraft registry since its inception and will he further provide a breakdown, per year, of the income it has produced?"

Answer

Set-up costs 2013 - 2017

Since the decision was made on 17th September 2013 by the then Minister for Economic Development to pursue a Jersey Aircraft Registry until 1st February 2017, £860,801 was spent on establishing and developing the Jersey Aircraft Registry (JAR).

This breaks down as follows:

- IT development £372,000
- Registrar services £115,000
- Insurance £25,000
- Specialist Advice & Consultancy £177,000
- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) £15,000
- External Marketing, admin and PR support £32,000
- Travel and associated expenses £17,000
- External legal advice £11,000
- Miscellaneous including internal resources £96,000

Following an internal review of Registry performance in late 2016, a decision to pursue a new Aircraft Registry business model was taken. As a consequence of this decision, further expenditure was almost exclusively limited to Officer time and insurance costs. The former was accommodated within existing department staff and has not required additional spend while the latter is set out in the table below. Additional costs incurred by Government to maintain the registry are included below:

| Year | Costs |
|------|-----------|
| 2016 | £66,000 |
| 2017 | £8,151.30 |
| 2018 | £7,340.50 |
| 2019 | £7,755.94 |
| 2020 | £7,448.66 |
| 2021 | £7,304.30 |
| 2022 | £7,514.72 |

Operational responsibility for the Aircraft Registry was formally transferred to Ports of Jersey Limited with effect from 1 May 2020, the Government of Jersey has incurred the following non-recurring costs that are directly attributable to the Registry after the transfer was effected:

- development of documentation (Aviation Requirements and Advisory Circulars) £25,000
- internal audit £5,300

Since assuming Operational responsibility for the Registry, Ports of Jersey have incurred the following costs:

| Year | Sum |
|------|---------|
| 2019 | £32,000 |
| 2020 | £14,675 |
| 2021 | £76,160 |
| 2022 | £42,520 |

JAR income

- In 2016, total record fee income generated by the JAR was £11,789
- In 2017, total recorded fee income generated by the JAR was £15, 617
- The JAR did not generate any income in 2018
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Any income generated following the transfer of operational responsibility effected in May 2020 was payable to Ports of Jersey Limited rather than Government, however the JAR has not generated any income for PoJ since taking over responsibility.