

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister provide, in table format, the total cost to the Government of Jersey since the commencement of the pilot testing regime of –

- (a) polymerase chain reaction (P.C.R.) testing of people arriving in the Island (broken down by visitors and residents, including the number of each that have arrived); and
- (b) tracking and tracing people who have arrived in the Island (broken down by visitors and residents, including the number of each that have been covered by this programme)?

Answer

- (a) Direct expenditure totalling £2.559m has been recorded in the financial system from 1 July to 31 August. This includes costs associated with on-island testing as well as people arriving in the island, and incorporates clinical staff costs and costs for test processing. In addition, test processing costs for August are anticipated to be c£2.274m.

Due to the way in which it has been recorded, it is very difficult to split out the costs between testing for arriving passengers and testing Islanders.

Between 1 July and 31 August 2020, 57,102 on-arrival tests had been undertaken, along with 10,851 tests for Islanders seeking healthcare and/or essential workers. The arrivals testing figures are not collected by category of passenger.

- (b) The budget for Contact Tracing for May – December 2020 is £1.258m. In addition, the business case for Monitoring and Enforcement for 1 July – 31 December 2020 requests funding of £1.549m for monitoring and £0.378m for isolation measures. The funding has been approved by the Council of Ministers.

A total of 45 individuals have tested positive for Covid-19 upon arrival as part of the Safer Travel programme. Of those:

26 were Jersey residents
19 were non-Jersey resident.

There were a total of 421 direct contacts.