

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2013**

Question

Will the Chief Minister provide Members with a detailed breakdown showing the costs, per individual, for Ministers and civil servants to attend the British political party conferences in 2013?

Would the Chief Minister further indicate the duration of each stay at each party conference, the hotel, flight and entertainment costs for each person who attended the conferences and whether any participants were accompanied by their spouses or partners?

Answer

Ministers attended all three party conferences where they were able to meet MPs, Lords, MEPs and diplomatic contacts. They received a positive reaction and attendance formed an important aspect of on-going engagement with the United Kingdom government and opposition.

The cost of travel, accommodation and accreditation for those attending all three party conferences comprised a total of £20,228.

The cost of hosting an exhibition stand and a fringe event at the Conservative conference was £35,235. This ensured the opportunity to disseminate the results of the Capital Economics report demonstrating the value of Jersey to the UK to approximately 12,000 delegates attending the conference.

A breakdown of participants and the costs of attending each conference are provided below.

Individual ministerial travel, accommodation and entertainment expenses will be provided to the States Assembly as part of the normal reporting process. No participants were accompanied by their spouses or partners.

Liberal Democrat conference

The Minister for External Relations, Treasury & Resources Minister and 2 officers attended the Liberal Democrat conference in Glasgow from 15 to 18 September. The costs for attending the conference came to £6,127.

This comprises accreditation (£2,740), accommodation (£2,145) and travel (£1,242).

Labour Party conference

The Treasury & Resources Minister and 2 officers attended the Labour Party conference in Brighton from 22 to 25 September. The costs for attending the conference came to £5,055.

This comprises accreditation (£1,485), accommodation (£2,775) and travel (£795).

Conservative Party conference

The Chief Minister, Treasury & Resources Minister and 3 officers attended the Conservative Party conference in Manchester from 29 to 2 October.

The costs for attending the conference came to £9,046.

This comprises accreditation (£1,650), accommodation (£5,660) and travel (£1,736).