WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HÉRISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2011

Question

"What sums have been spent in each of the last 5 years in obtaining ad hoc advice from advisers monitoring and advising upon EU issues and what is the current budget of the Chief Minister's Department for managing external affairs, broken down into major areas of activity?"

Answer

The amount spent in obtaining ad hoc advice and monitoring from advisers regarding European matters was £340,000 in 2010, £370,000 in 2009, £80,000 in 2008, £135,000 in 2007 and £115,000 in 2006. These figures are for spending in the Chief Minister's Department and Law Officer's Department only and do not take into account spending in other Departments. Identifying the funds spent on these issues across all States Departments would incur a significant administrative cost.

The current budget for managing external affairs is £1,578,600 as detailed in the 2011 Chief Minister's Department Business Plan for 2011, which also includes the major areas of activity.