

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
SERVICES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 16th MARCH 2004, BY
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Question

Would the President advise members of the level of charges that apply to Haut de la Garenne for overnight use of the facilities, and, whether the Committee will be seeking to review them or to seek a subsidy from the Tourism Development Fund in order to attract more large visiting groups such as military bands?

Answer

I am advised that the previous Committee contracted with the Youth Hostels Association (YHA) of England and Wales to manage the Centre under a two year management agreement on a self financing basis. Charges for overnight accommodation and meals at the centre have been set by the YHA.

I am advised that their scale of charges for overnight accommodation for the first year of operation is as follows –

Bed and Breakfast price per day –

Under 18 £13

Adult £16

Full Board price per day –

Under 18 £22.40

Adult £26.40

Half Board price per day –

Under 18 £18.65

Adult £21.65.

The YHA will offer a reduced rate, or free accommodation for 1 leader per 10 participants, for schools and other youth groups staying for 1 week or more.

Turning to the issue of support by the Tourism Development Fund (TDF), whilst the matter has not been discussed by the Committee, my own preliminary view is that applications for TDF funding to support activities of any visiting groups would not be a matter for the Environment and Public Services Committee, but rather for the Committees of organisations seeking funding.