WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010

Question

"Can the Minister advise members how many staff will lose their jobs at the Jersey Heritage Trust, what is their combined length of service, what the total savings will be and the exact effect on the service provided by the Trust?"

Answer

In the recent round of redundancies a total of 15 individuals will cease working with the Jersey Heritage Trust, including three compulsory redundancies (2.9 fte with 26 years service), 10 voluntary redundancies (7.7 ftes with 92 years service), one post not hired (.26 fte with seven years service), one voluntary early retirement (1 fte with 23 years service). This makes a total of 15 individuals (11.86 ftes) with a combined total of 148 years service to the Trust. In addition, four posts have been frozen, making a total of 19 people over the past 12 months, or 25% of the headcount, equating to approximately 25% of the payroll.

The total staff savings are calculated by the Trust £300,000.

The effect on services is that there will be changes to the opening of sites as reported recently. Hamptonne will move to an events-only opening regime; the Maritime Museum will close between Autumn half-term and Easter; the Jersey Museum will close between New Year and Easter. In addition, the following functions are being outsourced: marketing and communications, technical support, bookings, design, schools education work, social history curator. New charges will be introduced for OAPs and local children.