

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2011**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister confirm the total remuneration that has been paid to the Magistrate Designate to date since his exclusion from sitting as a Magistrate, and whether any of that sum will be recoverable in the eventuality that the Magistrate Designate is found guilty of any of the charges against him?”

Answer

The total remuneration which has been paid to the Magistrate Designate during the period 1 July 2008 to 28 February 2011 amounted to £341,945.78. This consists of basic pay and employer’s pension and social security contributions.

Under long established States policy, none of this sum of money would be recoverable were the Magistrate Designate found to be guilty of the charges brought against him. Employees who are suspended or excluded from normal duties pending investigations and potential disciplinary proceedings receive normal pay, and this is not recoverable.

This long established policy is currently under review by the States Employment Board, particularly in terms of long term suspensions/exclusions.

I should explain that the Magistrate Designate is not an employee of the States Employment Board. He is, rather, an Office holder (appointed by the Crown).