WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2012

Question

Will the Chief Minister inform members of the extent to which allowances or subsidies for rental/mortgage costs have been used to recruit or retain public sector staff over the first 6 months of 2012 to include -

- (a) the totals paid, by department;
- (b) the numbers and grades of employees concerned;
- (c) the monthly sums paid in each case, and
- (d) the periods over which the allowance was expected to last?

Answer

Set out below are the answers to the specific questions asked by Deputy Southern concerning rent subsidies/ allowances (employees are not entitled to receive subsidies or allowances specifically in relation to capital mortgage costs).

(a) totals paid, by department;

rental subsidies/allowances		
(for the period 01/01/12 to 30/06/12)		
Department	Total Paid	
Education, Sport & Culture (ESC)	£981	
Home Affairs (HA)	£2,724	
Health & Social Services (HSS)	£15,760	
Treasury & Resources (TRY)	£3,557	
Chief Ministers Dept	£12,000	
Grand Total	£35,022	

(b) numbers and grades of employees concerned;

rental subsidies/allowances		
(for the period 01/01/12 to 30/06/12)		
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Grade/ Pay group of Employees	Number of	
	employees	
Teacher	1	
A Grade	2	
Civil Service grade 9	1	
Civil Service grade 10	4	
Civil Service grade 11	5	
Civil Service grade 12	1	
Civil Service grade 13	1	
Civil Service grade 14	2	
Grand Total	17	

(c) monthly sums paid in each case, and

rental subsidies/allowances (for the period 01/01/12 to 30/06/12)		
Lowest payment within the period	£82	
Highest payment within the period	£2,000	
Average monthly payment	£389	

N.B The average for the 17 employee's has been calculated in order to prevent individuals from being identified.

- (d) periods over which the allowance was expected to last?
 - For five of the employees; the subsidy/ allowance has ceased
 - For eleven of the employees; the subsidy/ allowance will cease at the end of their contract or at the end of an agreed period specified within their contract