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4.7 Deputy M.R. Higgins of the Chief Minister regarding expenditure by the Data Protection Commissioner's Office on court proceedings involving former Senator Stuart Syvret:

Further to the Chief Minister's answer to written question 1240/5(9067) of 17th November 2015, will the Chief Minister advise Members what part of the £387,000 spent by the Data Protection Commissioner's office over 6 years was allocated to the court proceedings involving former Senator Stuart Syvret and what amount was incurred by other States or judicial sources?

Senator I.J. Gorst (The Chief Minister):

Could I ask Senator Routier to act as rapporteur please?

Senator P.F. Routier (Assistant Chief Minister - rapporteur):

As previously confirmed, these were costs incurred by the Data Protection Commissioner's office alone throughout the proceedings. With regard to the other amounts, the Chief Minister gave the details of additional cost to the court service in his answer to Deputy Pitman on 12th September 2011.

4.7.1 Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Can the Assistant Minister confirm that the Data Protection Commissioner was spending £60,000 for 6 years on this particular case?

Senator P.F. Routier:

I am not sure how the money was spent over the years. I can only reconfirm that the figures that the Deputy has put in his question: that £387,000 was spent over 6 years.

4.7.2 Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Can the Assistant Minister answer the second part of the question which was: how much money was spent by other departments and sources ... sorry, I have lost the question. What amount was incurred by other States judicial sources because can we have a figure from the Assistant Minister? How much was spent on this case and where the money came from, because I do not believe it has been properly disclosed to this House?

Senator P.F. Routier:

The figure is already in the public domain. It was given in answer to a question to Deputy Pitman on 12th September 2011.

Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Would the Assistant Minister help us by telling us what it is?

Senator P.F. Routier:

I did not think that questions that were already in the public domain were to be asked in this Assembly.

The Bailiff:

That is theoretically so.

Deputy M.R. Higgins:

I will just have to come back in January with a lot more questions. Thank you.