WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2013

Question

Will the Minister clarify what was the total amount of monies allocated or transferred to the office of the Data Protection Commissioner to fund the case against former Senator Stuart Syvret relating to 4 private individuals and breaches of the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005?

Answer

No funding has been allocated or transferred to the office of the Data Protection Commissioner to fund any case. The costs incurred associated with cases are met from the Court and Case Cost budget. In 2013, a total budget of £7.7 million has been allocated to fund court and case costs incurred by the Judicial Departments, Police and Customs. It is not possible to outline total monies to be allocated to any on-going case.

In answer to the question once proceedings are complete the Minister, and the Data Protection Commissioner, will need to have regard to:

- the Code of Practice on Access to Information held by the States, Committees of the States and Departments of the States;
- any stipulations of the Court concerning disclosure; and
- the principles of the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005 insofar as they relate to the rights of data subjects

when reaching a view on what information can legally be released.