WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2017

Question

In relation to the Assistant Chief Minister with responsibility for Financial Services, Digital, Competition and Innovation matters who was appointed in November 2014, will the Chief Minister publish the work-diary of that Assistant Chief Minister, from the date of his appointment to his resignation, showing whom he met, when and where he met them, and for what purpose; and will he also confirm the amount of travel that the Assistant Chief Minister undertook, the cost of any such travel and how many air miles, if any, he personally acquired from any such travel?

Answer

Whatever the differences over policy or personality, Senator Ozouf's work ethic and commitment to Jersey are clear. Since his appointment as Assistant Chief Minister, Financial Services, Digital Competition and Innovation, Senator Ozouf has overseen and taken responsibility for a wide ranging, intensive programme of meetings, speaking engagements and conferences in Jersey, the UK and overseas. In addition, Senator Ozouf attended significant numbers of meetings with island organisations on local issues. These meetings will be listed and provided to States Members as requested.

On 10 June 2016 the States of Jersey published a review of Travel Policy and Recommendations for Improvement. Appendix 2 of the review contains a breakdown of flights expenses and accommodation booked for civil servants and States Members during 2014 and 2015:

https://www.gov.je/Government/Pages/StatesReports.aspx?ReportID=2106

Travel and Entertainment Expenses for Ministers and Assistant Ministers are also published on an annual basis:

http://www.statesassembly.gov.je/AssemblyReports/2015/R.108-2015.pdf

 $\underline{http://www.states assembly.gov.je/AssemblyReports/2016/R.117-2016.pdf}$

Senator Ozouf has always had a policy of using any Avios miles gained through his States business to reduce the cost of travelling on States business.