

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010**

Question

With reference to the suspension of the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police will the Minister inform Members –

- (a) the date when the Wiltshire Constabulary was appointed to undertake to investigation?
- (b) the terms of reference for the investigation?
- (c) the amount paid to the Wiltshire Constabulary as at 31st December 2009?
- (d) the cost to cover the duties not being undertaken by the suspended Chief Officer as at 31st December 2009?
- (e) the predicted date for the completion of the investigation by the Wiltshire Constabulary?
- (f) the predicted total cost of the investigation by the Wiltshire Constabulary?
- (g) the predicted total cost of covering the duties not being undertaken by the suspended Chief Officer?

Answer

- (a) The appointment was made on the 1st December 2008.
- (b) It is not appropriate for me to answer this section of the question due to confidentiality issues.
- (c) The amount paid to the Wiltshire Constabulary from commencement of the investigation to 31st December 2009 was £571,879. It should be noted that there has been some overlap of costs with the investigation into Operation Blast as Officers from Wiltshire Constabulary have been working on both investigations and sharing resources such as travel and accommodation.
- (d) The cost of covering the suspended Chief Officer from the date of his suspension to 31st December 2009 was £145,100.
- (e) The Deputy Chief Executive has advised that the scheduled date for completion of the Wiltshire Constabulary investigation is the end of January 2010, which hopefully will be achieved.
- (f) Based on the above completion date the predicted total cost of the investigation by the Wiltshire Constabulary is £578,000.
- (g) It is not possible for me to predict this without making assumptions. However, the predicted total cost of covering the duties not being undertaken by the suspended Chief Officer, were he to remain suspended until the end of his term of office in December 2010 is £305,200.