WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2009

Question

"Can the Minister inform the Assembly who are the Project Management consultants for the construction of the incinerator, how they were selected to carry out this task, the total value of the contract, the nature of the services which they are contracted to carry out for that sum, and provide an itemized and exact breakdown of the payments and so far and what they were for?"

Answer

The Project Management consultants for the construction of the incinerator are Fichtner Consulting Engineers Limited.

Following a competitive tender, Babtie Fichtner were appointed as Technical Consultant for Solid Waste Strategy capital projects on 3rd October 2005 under the terms of a short form of the Association of Consulting Engineers Short Form of Contract. The appointment was scrutinised by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of the time.

The total value of the services provided by Fichtner Consulting Engineers Limited are fixed at £1,492,200. This represents less than 2% of the contract value which is in-line with industry standards.

These services include: Project Management, Site Supervision, Design Reviews, Factory Tests, Quality Assurance, Commissioning, Snagging and Performance Testing of the new Energy from Waste facility.

Other costs, such as flights and accommodation, are to be charged at cost and a budget figure has been allocated accordingly.

Of the invoices submitted up to the end of August 2009, £397,920 has been paid for Project Management services and £ 24,147 has been paid for other costs.