

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY SENATOR J.L. PERCHARD**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY 2007

Question

The Community Safety Fund was established in 1998 after the first sale of 'special' number plates by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Department, would the Minister -

- (a) provide members with the current balance of the fund.?
- (b) provide members with details of the fund's annual income since 1998?
- (c) provide members with itemised details of how the fund has been applied since 1998?
- (d) provide members with agreed criteria for making grants?
- (e) inform members whether the Safety Grants Panel is still active or of the arrangements now in place to administer the fund?

Answer

- (a) £250,866
- (b) Schedule 1 (attached) details annual income since 1998.
- (c) Schedule 2 (attached) details how the funds have been applied since 1998.
- (d) The main objective of the Safety Grants Panel is to finance projects which enhance community safety or raise awareness on community safety issues.

In the past, the Panel was chaired by a Committee member, other than the President. The Assistant Minister may be seen as the appropriate replacement under the Ministerial system, but this is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Technical Services. At the time that the Driver and Vehicle Standards Department, which administers the scheme, was transferred to the Transport and Technical Services Department, the other Panel members were:

Head of Driver and Vehicle Standards
Directorate Manager, Social Services
Chief Inspector, States of Jersey Police
Senior Fire Safety Officer
Finance and Administration Manager

The Panel held allocation meetings whenever applications were received rather than on a periodic basis. Any organisation, whether voluntary or public, can apply for funding, but projects considered for funding must meet the following criteria:

1. Beneficial to the community at large,
2. For one-off items of expenditure only,
3. For innovative ideas,
4. Not restricted financially, subject to the balance in the fund,

5. Island based,
 6. For anything which would significantly enhance community safety and for which there is no or insufficient public funding,
 7. Directly related to community safety.
- (e) As far as I am aware, the Safety Grants Panel has not met since responsibility for Driver and Vehicle Standards (which oversees the scheme) was transferred to the Transport and Technical Services Department in April 2006. I wrote to the Minister for Transport and Technical Services on the 20th December 2006, suggesting that he reconstitute the panel and advising him that I would be in a position to transfer the fund to him in January. I wrote again to the Minister for Transport and Technical Services on the 26th January 2007 notifying him that I was now releasing the balance of the Fund.

SCHEDULE 1

SAFETY GRANTS FUND

Income Statement 1998-2006

YEAR	INCOME
	£
1998	26,300
1999	120,000
2000	51,000
2001	40,080
2002	115,000
2003	84,760
2004	70,000
2005	109,000
2006	0
TOTAL INCOME	616,140

SCHEDULE 2

SAFETY GRANTS PANEL SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE 1998 TO 2006

		£
Fire & Rescue Service	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	20,000
Parish of St Brelade	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	1,000
Parish of St John	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	1,000
Parish of St Lawrence	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	1,000
Parish of St Clement	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	1,000
Parish of St Saviour	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	1,000
Parish of St Peter	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	500
Parish of Trinity	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	600
Parish of Grouville	Smoke Detectors for Senior Citizens Campaign	200
Total 1998		26,300
Societe Jersaise-Green Island stabilisation works		3,000
Network to prevent abuse and violence		6,000
CI Air Search-Infra Red Detection equipment		25,000
Child Accident Prevention-Inter Island Child Safety in Action Week Education-Student Survival Guide		700
Victim Support-Centre Point-Minibus		5,000
Order of St John-towards First Aid Mobile Unit		7,500
Jersey Youth Trust-Cyber Café Minden Base		2,000
States of Jersey Police-Road Safety Initiative		10,000
Driver & Vehicles Standards-Baby seats for taxis/cabs		3,500
Total 1999		1,000
		66,700
Health & Social Services-Rmas Training(Risk Management)		4,500
Jersey Women's Refuge-Office equipment and website development		3,600
Victim's Charter		2,300
Water Safety Project for Jersey Schools		7,000
Crime Stoppers Display Board		1,984
Jersey Road Safety Panel-To much Punch for Judy		3,500
Total 2000		22,884
Jersey Layman's Guide to Family Issues		5,000
Motorcycle training D' Hautree		1,003
Fire Service-Smoke alarms for the hard of hearing		4,750
Crimestoppers		1,500
Family Nursing-Safety equipment for needy families		2,000

Other	4,210	<u> </u>
Total		18,463
2001		
Child Accident Prevention Jersey-Child Accident Video	15,000	
Ambulance Service-Defibrillators Patient Transport Vehicles	30,000	
Fire & Rescue Service-Hazard Warning Signs	3,000	
Jersey Road Safety Panel-SpeedVISOR	7,380	<u> </u>
Total		55,380
2002		
Fire & Rescue Service-Smoke Alarms (vulnerable individuals)	6,600	
Jersey Road Safety Panel-SpeedVISOR	900	
Ambulance Service-Community Alarms	35,000	
Prison Me! No Way!	10,000	
Fire & Rescue Service-Community Safety Resource Guide	2,000	<u> </u>
Total		54,500
2003		
Admin Costs	25	
Honorary Police Publicity Material	5,775	
DVS-Portakabins	4,500	
Child Accident Prevention- Video Mascot	6,000	
Prison Me! No Way!-5 Year Sponsorship	40,000	
Child Accident Prevention- Video(Fire Safety)	7,500	
Fire & Rescue Service-Smoke Alarms	6,500	
Fire & Rescue Service-Smoke Alarms	16,000	<u> </u>
Total		86,300
2004		
Public Services-Tactile Cones Pedestrian light Crossing	2,400	
Family Nursing & Home Care(Child Safety Video)	2,250	
St Brelade Youth Club (Youth Outdoor Shelter)	5,000	
People Against Crime(Personal Attack Alarms)	2,560	
Admin costs	37	<u> </u>
Total		12,247
2005		
SOJ Police-Firearms Radios	15,000	
Headway Cycle Helmet Initiative DVD	7,500	<u> </u>
Total		22,500
2005		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u> </u> 365,274