

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HERISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2005

Question

What proportion of the Youth Service budget is allocated to supervisory and management costs and what are the actual costs of these two functions?

Answer

The Youth Service comprises 13 full time professional staff, namely -

1. one Principal Youth Officer;
2. an Activities and Awards Officer;
3. three area youth workers;
4. seven full-time project workers (a further area worker will be appointed shortly); and,
5. additionally there are two 0.5 FTE members of staff responsible for youth participation and the mobile bus project.

There are 42 part-time paid workers and approximately 180 volunteers with the Youth Service.

In addition, the Youth Service works in partnership with 38 voluntary groups and uniformed organisations which have an additional 615 volunteers working for them.

The 'value' of these volunteers to the States of Jersey, calculated at youth service part-time rates is £1,044,773 each year.

With the exception of the Principal Youth Officer, all professional staff are 'front line' workers, working directly with young people as well as recruiting, encouraging, managing and training volunteers and making effective partnerships with other agencies for the benefit of young people throughout the Island.

The Youth Service is supported by 1.65 FTE administrators in the central office and a further 1.5 FTE administrators in the field.

It is difficult to accurately apportion staff time between management, supervision and direct face-to-face youth work activities. However, if we took an extreme view and suggested that the entire time of the Principal Youth officer and 50% of the area workers' and activities and awards officer's time was devoted to management and supervision, along with the 3.15 FTE administrators time the cost of management and supervision within the Youth Service would be £110,729 per annum.

The Youth Service budget for 2005 is £1,186,855 and therefore the proportion expended on supervisory and management costs is 9.23% of the revenue budget.

I would suggest that this represents a small amount of administrative investment in part-time and voluntary staff and provides excellent value for money to the States of Jersey and the Island community.