

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**Question**

Will the Minister state the cost of all chemical and microbiological analysis, including shipping costs, where it has not been possible for the Official Analyst, or wider Government of Jersey, to undertake the required analysis on Island over the last five years, broken down by –

- (a) the department or organisation for which the analysis was undertaken; and
- (b) by the quarter in which the costs were incurred?

**Answer**

Given the level of analysis required by the question, it has regrettably not been possible to provide a full breakdown by quarter for the costs incurred for off-Island testing over the last five years. There are two departments which have incurred off-Island costs for chemical and/or microbiological analysis. The total cost for the Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department between 2017 and 2022 is £1,103,872. This relates to the Natural Environment and Regulation Directorates. The total cost for Health and Community Services between 2017 and 2022 is £3,503,388. In addition, the total cost for Covid-19 related analysis, which applies from Quarter 3 of 2020 to the present is £4,566,643. It should be noted that this figure excludes shipping costs. Work is ongoing to provide a more detailed breakdown of the information provided in this response. Further detail will be made available to States Members, and published, as an addendum to this answer as soon as is practicable.