## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE BY SENATOR B.E. SHENTON ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2010

## Question

Would the Chairman advise the Assembly the total remuneration and expenses paid to States Members (including Employer Social Security) and the total value of parking, laptops and other support services in 2009?

## **Answer**

In 2009 the total remuneration and expenses paid to States members was £ 2,338,905. This total is almost exclusively made up of money paid to current members but also includes a small amount for the payment in early January 2009 of the last few days of remuneration to members who left the Assembly on 8th December 2008 and who were entitled under the rules governing remuneration to one month's remuneration after leaving office.

The total amount of social security payments refunded to States members (the equivalent of an 'employer's contribution' for persons who are employed) during 2009 was £ 96,416.

PPC is not responsible for the provision of parking for States members as this matter is the responsibility of the Transport and Technical Services Department. Nevertheless, in order to assist the questioner, PPC has made enquiries of TTS and the Committee has been advised that the total cost for providing States Member parking facilities in potential lost revenue to the Car Park Trading Fund is estimated to be £ 57,000 based on 2009 figures.

Similarly PPC is not responsible for the cost of laptops for members as this matter is the responsibility of the Information Services Department. The only IT facilities that the Committee deals with are those provided in the members' facilities in the States Building. PPC has nevertheless made enquiries of ISD to assist the questioner and has been advised that the estimated cost of providing IT services to States members in 2009 was approximately £52,100. This total estimated cost covers the cost of remote access facilities, laptops and their software licences, internet broadband connections, BlackBerry services, a printer and IS support.

The direct cost of other support services provided for members was £ 159,599. This included the rent of the Chamber and facilities in the States Building (£91,794), provisions for meetings and States lunches (£19,026) and the sum of £41,516 for improvements to members' facilities and the Chamber itself, particularly the Public Gallery. The total sum also included the salary costs of the tea lady, telephone costs and other ancillary costs relating to the facilities for members. I would nevertheless stress that the amount does not include the cost of the very significant amount of support given to members by the States Greffe.