

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2009**

**Question**

Which Ministers and Assistant Ministers have Blackberries or mobile phones paid for by the States?

**Answer**

The following Ministers and Assistant Ministers currently have the use of States owned Blackberries and/or mobile phones:

Chief Minister and Assistant Ministers.  
Minister for Economic Development and an Assistant Minister.  
Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.  
Minister for Health and Social Services and Assistant Ministers.  
Minister for Housing.  
Minister for Planning and Environment and Assistant Minister.  
Minister for Social Security and Assistant Minister.  
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.  
Minister for Treasury and Resources and Assistant Ministers.

Note: where an Assistant Minister serves two departments, only one device is allocated.

**Question**

What is the expenditure covered by the States for these communications for the last 3 years and from what budget does it come?

**Answer**

The charges covered by the States for all Ministers and Assistant Ministers since November 2006 is £11,784.95. They are paid from Information Services and the appropriate department budgets

**Question**

What were the costs of these phones per individual for the last 6 months?

**Answer**

The costs for Ministers and Assistant Ministers that have States provided communications over the last six months are as follows:

Title	Costs per individual (last 6 months)
Chief Minister	£ 114.70
An Assistant Chief Minister	£ 110.20
An Assistant Chief Minister	£ 150.80
Minister for Economic Development	£ 159.79

Minister for Education, Sport and Culture	£ 104.60
Minister for Health and Social Services	£ 122.42
An Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services	£ 14.17
An Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services	£ 145.98
Minister for Housing	£ 106.62
Minister for Planning and Environment	£ 690.61
An Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment	£ 14.17
Minister for Social Security	£ 474.60
An Assistant Minister for Social Security	£ 255.60
Minister for Transport and Technical Services	£ 112.45
Minister for Treasury and Resources	£ 319.22
<b>Total Cost of Ministers and Assistant Ministers</b>	<b>£ 2,895.93</b>

### Question

What were the total costs of their communications over the last 12 months?

### Answer

The total cost of the communications used by Ministers / Assistant Ministers for the last 12 months is £ 4,649.03.

### Question

With which local telephone companies are the accounts held and which company is contracted by the States to provide services?

### Answer

The local telephone company that holds the States Blackberry contract which provides the service to the Ministers / Assistant Ministers is Sure Mobile (Cable and Wireless) and a mobile phone is provided by Jersey Telecom.

### Question

In view of the fact that Article 44 of the States of Jersey Law 2005 requires that all States members receive equal remuneration and allowances, how does the Chief Minister reconcile this added support for these members?

### Answer

Ministers and Assistant Ministers do not receive additional remuneration or allowances over and above that of any other States Member. Ministers and Assistant Ministers do, however, have access to departmental officer and administration support in order that they may effectively carry out their Ministerial functions and responsibilities.

In the same way, Scrutiny Panel Members also have access to officer and administration support in order that they may perform their Scrutiny functions and responsibilities. With regards to Ministers and Assistant Ministers being provided with communications for Ministerial business purposes, this is not prohibited by Article 44 of the States of Jersey Law 2005.