

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2009**

**Question**

“Will the Minister provide a similar document to that circulated during the last States meeting entitled ‘Gambling Control Current Income vs. Costs’ in respect of the control and licensing of the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974, to include the details of the Economic Development Department’s income and expenditure for 2009 in relation to this matter and information on the current staff that are involved in the regulation of the Licensing Law?”

**Answer**

The Department does not regulate the Law, but rather administers it insofar as it has legislative responsibility for maintenance and updating as required. The Department is working with colleagues in other departments to provide for a modern and more effective Law that will allow for readier identification of true costs and provide for better apportionment of these costs to applicants. These will be outlined in a White Paper that will be drafted in the New Year.

It would not be helpful to consider my Department in isolation as officers work closely with colleagues in the Judicial Greffe, States Police, Fire and Rescue Service the Treasury and others and any consideration of financial impacts must be holistic. This is being addressed within the modernisation process for the new Law.

Historically, income derived from Licensing was used to fund the Beach Lifeguard Service. Since the introduction of more modern accounting regimes, income and expenditure are not linked to each other so narrowly. Currently income received for the whole account code area is approximately £377,000, with £287,000 coming from liquor licenses. Set against that there are total expenses of £355,000 including three staff (2.71 FTE – 2010 business plan) working in this area, but the degree of time spent varies and they are not dedicated solely to this area of work.

The following table presents the breakdown of income and expenditure in a similar manner to that previously presented to Members regarding the Gambling function. Unfortunately, the account code in this area has never been disaggregated and includes expenditure for a number of different functions including: liquor licensing, policing of beaches, places of refreshment, British-Irish Council, broadcasting, digital switchover and tourism registrations.

The income is easily split as specific income codes are used for the different areas of income. However, expenditure is not as easy as this to split. Expense codes have been created but these do not reflect the income account codes and are more generic i.e. any printing costs incurred for the areas aforementioned are entered against the ‘printing’ expense account and this could be for liquor licensing or for printing of beach parking permits or for printing the permits for places of refreshment. It would amount to a significant investment to manually investigate each transaction in order to provide the level of detail pertaining to liquor licensing alone. As noted earlier, this will be undertaken as part of the White Paper process as the review of the Law continues.

Account	Yr to Dec Actual 2009
<b>NTQ000 - Regulatory Services</b>	
<b><u>Duties,Fees,Fines &amp; Penalties</u></b>	
330361-Liquor Licences	(287,143)
330362-Licence Applications	0
330363-Licence Registrations	(63,552)
330368-POR Fees	(13,665)
<b>Duties,Fees,Fines &amp; Penalties</b>	<b>(364,361)</b>
<b><u>Sales of goods and services</u></b>	
330470-Foreshore Concessions	(12,414)
<b>Sales of goods and services</b>	<b>(12,414)</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>(376,774)</b>
<b><u>Staff Costs</u></b>	
411000.100-Civil Service Perm Basic	67,238
411000.800-Civil Service Perm Other	
411000.900-Civil Service Perm Pension	8,972
411000.950-Civil Service Perm Soc Sec	3,634
<b>Staff Costs</b>	<b>79,844</b>
<b><u>Supplies and Services</u></b>	
501502-Printing	1,310
540110-Hired Services	2,531
549001-Other Supps & Services	267,865
627100-Advertising & Publicity	618
627101-Recruitment Advertising	
640100.NNS-Meals & Entert.-Non Staff	57
640100.NST-Meals & Entert.-Staff	758
641100-Travel	52
641100.NST-Travel - Staff	1,454
641300-Mileage Claims	0
642100-Hotel Accommodation	(52)
642100.NST-Hotel Acc - Staff	61
<b>Supplies and Services</b>	<b>274,653</b>
<b><u>Administrative Expenses</u></b>	
661010-Other Administrative Costs	3
671510-Other Admin Fees	181
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>354,681</b>
<b>NTQ000 - Regulatory Services</b>	<b>(22,094)</b>