WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2010

Question

How much money was spent on purchase cards by Chief Officers in the last 2 years by department and how much was spent by their secretaries on purchase cards for the same period?

Answer

Period 1 st September 2008 to 31 st August 2010		
Department	Amount (£)	
	Chief Officer	PA / Secretary
Chief Minister's	6351.99	N/A
(Resources)	556.00	N/A
Treasury & Resources	518.24	6,354.78
Home Affairs	1,423.58	N/A
Economic Development	6,561.66	118.49
Education Sport & Culture	1,832.81	2,239.98
Health & Social Services	N/A	N/A
Housing	N/A	No PA / Secretary
Transport & Technical Services	555.31	256.07
Social Security	-	-
Planning & Environment	185.63	11,604.74
Jersey Harbours	24,738.11	2,003.54
Jersey Airport	21,323.68	4,967.63

• N.B. During the stated period, States Departments moved to an automated reporting system for purchase card spending through JD Edwards. The figures reported do not include money spent prior to this move as this would involve resource-intensive and time-consuming analysis of monthly paper returns from card holders. The benefits of providing this information are not considered to outweigh the costs involved and would mean diverting staff from other critical activity or, potentially, buying in the resource needed. All Departments moved to the new system at various dates throughout the period.

- Included are all Chief Officers of Ministerial Departments, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Chief Officer, Resources) and the Chief Officers of the Trading Departments.
- Where N/A is stated the person in that role does not hold a States purchase card.
- As stated in Financial Direction 5.9 the Social Security Department do not use States purchase cards.
- It should be noted that secretaries and PAs use their purchase cards for booking travel and accommodation for their whole departments and not just the Chief Officer in accordance with the States policy in respect of purchase cards.