

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY CONNÉTABLE OF GROUVILLE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2009**

Question

Following the recommendations of the Comptroller and Auditor General in 2007 that the monies from the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund and the Drugs Trafficking Confiscation Fund should become part of the general revenues of the States, can the Minister explain what has happened to the Funds, advise whether any distributions have taken place and, if so, to whom?

Answer

The Treasury and Resources Minister accepted in principle the recommendations in the Comptroller and Auditor General's Confiscation Funds Report to augment them into the States General Revenues.

Work is in progress to identify how best to implement the recommendations, particularly in relation to deciding what Law changes are necessary. The intention is to have augmented the Funds into the States general revenues for the 2010 financial year. However, this will be dependent on the timescales within which the Law changes can be achieved.

In the meantime, the Funds continue to be administered in accordance with the relevant Laws (Proceeds of Crime (Jersey) Law 1999 and Drug Trafficking Miscellaneous Provisions (Jersey) Law 1996).

Since the publication of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report in September 2007, the following grants have been issued from the Funds, in accordance with the Laws.

Drug Trafficking Confiscation Fund

Financial Year	Issued to	Brief description	£
2008	Health & Social Services/Home Affairs	Building a Safer Society – continuation of 5 year projects	527,000
2009	Health & Social Services/Home Affairs	Building a Safer Society – continuation of 5 year projects	534,000
			1,061,000
Nov-07	Charity	2 year project run in partnership with Prison	100,000
Dec-08	Charity	Educational programme	5,000
			105,000
Feb-08	Health & Social Services	Expansion of drug related programme	20,000
Jun-08	Health & Social Services	Drug related programme	12,000
Oct-08	Health & Social Services	Expansion of drug related programme	85,000
			117,000
Nov-07	Customs & Immigration	Software package	304,000
Feb-08	Customs	Equipment	49,000
Feb-08	Police/customs	Equipment	40,000
Feb-08	Police	Equipment	56,000
Feb-08	Police	Equipment	21,000
Jun-08	Home affairs	Equipment	10,000

Oct-08	Police	Information related	13,000
Oct-08	Customs	Equipment	26,800
Oct-08	Prison	Information related	50,000
Dec-08	Prison	Equipment	20,000
			589,800

Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund

Financial Year	Issued to	Brief description	£
2008	Judicial Greffe	Grant	310,000
2008	Law Officers	Grant	745,000
2008	Viscount/Bailiff/Home Affairs/Law Officers/Judicial Greffe	Court & Case costs	2,511,000
			3,566,000
2009 to date	Judicial Greffe	Grant	310,000
			310,000