

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14th JULY 2015**

Question

What has been the Department's total expenditure, in both legal fees, court costs and officer time, in relation to the re-development of the site at Keppel Tower, Grouville Coast Road and the Third Party Appeals, and what budgetary amount has been allocated to meet the cost of the Minister's latest appeal?

Answer

The direct legal costs paid to the Third Party Appellant and their legal team by the Department of the Environment (Department) in relation to the first Royal Court appeal are as follows:

£575 to Mrs Herold

£8,550 to Viberts law firm

To date, there have been no direct legal costs paid by the Department in association to the second Royal Court appeal.

The Department has not incurred any other legal and court costs associated to this matter. The department does not record Officer time associated with individual planning applications or appeals and is therefore unable to provide further information about this expenditure.

There is no budgetary amount set aside for the Minister's current appeal to the Royal Court's decision, but the costs are expected to be modest and the department has committed to fund any costs from existing revenue expenditure for 2015.