

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2013**

Question

Now that the secret court case against former Senator Stuart Syvret has concluded and given that data protection matters fall within the remit of the Chief Minister's department, will he detail –

- (a) the total cost of the case from public funds;
- (b) who authorised this sum and oversaw its allocation;
- (c) whether any of the 4 individuals bringing the case with the assistance of the Data Protection Commissioner also had to contribute their own funds and, if so, were these differing amounts and what were those sums;
- (d) whether former Senator Syvret was afforded 'financial equality of arms' from the same public funds;
- (e) whether any background checks were carried out on the 4 individuals to ascertain whether they had a history of similar allegations made against themselves;

If the Chief Minister is unable or is the wrong person to provide the relevant information, will he clarify under whose authority these Data Protection matters fall?

Answer

The legal proceedings are not yet concluded and the Court order remains in place regarding the disclosure of information to any non-party. Therefore the position remains that further discussion would be sub judice. Once the proceedings are concluded, and subject to the decisions of the Court, it would then be appropriate to consider the extent to which further information can be provided.