

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2013**

Question

Would the Minister quantify the cost of purchase, installation, maintenance and removal of off-shore wind-monitoring masts and from which budget that will come?

Answer

The estimated costs associated with the off-shore wind-monitoring project can be broken down as follows:-

Item	Cost
Purchase of the wind-monitoring equipment, including the masts and radio and communication systems amounts to	£30,000
Installation	£10,000
Maintenance	£5,000
Decommissioning	£5,000
Contingency	£5,000
Total Estimated Cost	£55,000

Funding for this project will come from existing Department of the Environment capital budgets.

The Transport and Technical Services Department are assisting in this project and supplying the communication infrastructure and the Ports of Jersey will be providing transport to and from the reefs.

We are exploring the opportunity for a commercial partner to contribute to these costs in exchange for access to the wind data that will be captured, therefore the costs to the Department of the Environment may reduce.