WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY J.A. MARTIN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2012

Question

With regard to the answers provided to question 7159 (on 23rd October) will the Minister provide the following additional information –

a) A detailed breakdown of the costs of providing the 'Client Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment' for both the offices and operational elements of the proposed Police HQ, identifying any amounts greater than £25,000 (and to include separately any amounts that might relate to other off-site facilities).

Does the sum of £647,000 included for the 'Client Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment' include the total costs of all elements required by the Police Service, in particular the force control room, and any associated systems costs for this and any other Police facilities.

b) A further breakdown for all elements greater than £50,000 included in each of the 6 categories identified in the 'latest cost estimate' which provides a total project cost of £20,492,315.

Will the Minister confirm that there are no other costs excluded from the 'latest cost estimate' required for the provision of new Police facilities including, for example, new equipment or the replacement of existing equipment or other items which arise out of the need to relocate to a different site.

Answer

a) For reasons of commercial confidentiality and to protect the States' competitive position the Minister is not prepared to provide a detailed breakdown of the Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment budget.

This is an estimated budget which has not been specified in detail. It is, however, based on the current design and the number of workstations in the building. The estimated budget only relates to all new loose fittings within the building (such as desks and lockers, etc.) and excludes items that fall within the construction budget (including specialist custody furniture, fitted furniture such as reception and inquiry desks and canteen fittings and equipment). Provision is made elsewhere in the budget for the proposed off-site facility.

The current cost estimate for Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment is for items that are directly related to the new building. Items considered to be ongoing capital replacement costs necessary for operational purposes, including the control room fit out and IT equipment and servers, will be funded by the States of Jersey Police as they will be required regardless of the proposed move. As is common practice, the new building will provide all the required IT, communications and systems infrastructure, but existing hardware and equipment will be transferred to the new site unless it is not cost effective to do so.

b) Whilst the construction costs have been subject to a full and detailed analysis by the Project Quantity Surveyor, for reasons of commercial confidentiality and to protect the States' competitive position the Minister is not prepared to provide this breakdown. The Minister is, however, more than happy to brief the Deputy confidentially on these figures.

The Minister does not believe that there are any items excluded that would be required as part of the development of the new Police Headquarters. As explained above, ongoing replacement of equipment would need to take place anyway and should be funded by the States of Jersey Police.