

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2011**

Question

The inquiry by the Wiltshire Police cost £531,500 in total; will the Minister provide a full breakdown of the costs identifying how many staff these figures covered for the following headings:

Staff costs - £200,700

Travel - £92,000

Hotel Accommodation - £82,000

Subsistence £39,100

Rent - £14,000

Will the Minister further give a full breakdown for what exactly was covered by the remaining three headings -

Other costs - £11,400

Equipment Purchase - £15,200

Legal Fees - £77,100

Answer

The cost of the Wiltshire Constabulary investigation into the management and supervision of the Historical Child Abuse Enquiry by the Chief Officer of Police was £572,532 as I advised in the answer to the Deputy's oral question on 19 July 2010.

The terms of reference for the investigation agreed by the Chief Minister's Department stated that *'All reasonable costs incurred, including funding for independent legal advice for the investigators will be met by the States of Jersey'*.

Up to six officers from the Wiltshire Constabulary were working on the investigation assisted by support staff in Wiltshire.

Staff costs (£289,984) comprise officers' salaries including overtime plus support staff in Wiltshire. Officers' travel to the Island was arranged by the Wiltshire Constabulary and reimbursed by the Home Affairs Department.

Travel costs (£76,501) include air travel, car hire, mileage allowances for travel to the point of departure and airport parking.

Hotel accommodation (£84,633) was mainly at the Radisson Blu Hotel (4*), which is located close to the independent temporary office facility that was established at the Elizabeth Terminal. The average cost per night was £80. Staff booking the hotel accommodation used the States procurement website to get the best deals.

Subsistence payments (£38,398) were based on £28 per person per day (£25 subsistence plus £3 incidental personal expenses per 24 hour period).

Rental payments (£12,600) are in respect of the independent temporary office facility that was established at the Elizabeth Terminal at a cost of £1,400 per month.

Other costs (£4,984) include amounts paid in respect of telephones, general stationery and minor office equipment, photocopying and photocopying supplies.

Equipment purchase (£17,867) includes media evaluation of Jersey Police, IT purchases and licences.

Legal expenses (£42,963) is for professional fees incurred by Lawyers (Veale Wasbrough) who were acting on behalf of Wiltshire Police Authority in relation to Operation Haven.