

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2010**

Question

“Following allegations that the refusal of the Minister’s two predecessors to accept advice that the children of Family X needed to receive treatment and support in the UK resulted in an unnecessary cost of £600,000, and in light of great public concern being expressed at the wasting of taxpayers’ money and the decision to close facilities such as the hydro-pool and cut back on some public services, will the Minister advise whether this £600,000 is being paid for from the Health budget or whether the bill will be met separately by the Island's taxpayers?”

Answer

The legal costs identified by Deputy Pitman are not being met from the Health and Social Services budget. The Deputy Judicial Greffier is responsible for the payment out of public funds for lawyers in public law children’s cases. The details of this case are set out in the response to written question 5596 to H.M. Attorney General by Senator Perchard tabled on the Monday 13th September 2010.