

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2013**

Question

Further to the answers given on 24th September 2013 and 8th October 2013, would the Chief Minister give an indication of the estimated amount of the annual budget of the court service and the Bailiff's Chambers that was needed to deal with the secret court case against former Senator Stuart Syvret in addition to the direct costs charged to the court and case costs budget referred to in his earlier responses?

Answer

The annual running costs of the court service and the Bailiff's Chambers are publicly available.

The departmental budgets for the Court Services from 2012 – 2015 are on page 49 of the Medium Term Financial Plan. Past expenditure can be found in the States of Jersey Financial Report and Accounts for each year. These documents are available on www.gov.je

The Annual Reports of the Jersey Court Service provide more detailed information. Each report contains a statistical digest detailing the activity for that year. For example in the Annual Report for 2012, Appendix C shows that the Judicial Greffe processed more than 45,000 items of court related activity during the year. The statistical digest provides a breakdown of the number of actions and cases heard in the courts.

Each report also details the courts' annual expenditure. The information contained on page 22 of the Judicial Greffe's 2012 report shows the running costs of the department, excluding court and case costs which have already been given to the Assembly. These running costs amounted to £2,536,277 for 2012.

[Court Service annual reports](#)

It is not practical to break down these running costs according to individual cases.