

**Response to a Question Pursuant to Rule 14
of The Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees**

Subject: Covid19 Response Appeal
States' Member: Deputy Gavin St Pier
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Date of reply: 1st December 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the questions. The responses are set out below.

Questions

In response to the Covid pandemic, earlier in 2020, the States invited the public to contribute to the COVID19 Response Appeal.

Could the Committee please set out as at the date of this question:

a) How much had been donated to the Appeal?

The Appeal donations total £271,896.91 which includes a specific donation of £107,000 to purchase a mobile X-ray machine (which has been delivered and commissioned).

In addition, donations of £185,000 were made directly to the Committee *for* Health & Social Care specifically to fund the cost of additional ventilators, which were purchased.

b) How much has been expended from the Appeal proceeds and on what?

Specific purchases (in addition to the ventilators):

- £107,000: mobile X-ray machine; and
- £142,000: additional equipment to undertake the Bailiwick Extended Testing System (as announced in the media briefing on 5 May 2020).

The balance of the Appeal proceeds (approximately £23,000) have been used to contribute towards the costs of the government's COVID-19 response. Attached is a copy of the media release dated 15 April 2020 announcing the establishment of the States of Guernsey COVID-19 Response Appeal and advising that donations will be directed to "*any area of the public*

sector's core coronavirus response where there is the greatest need at any point in time, whether that's in frontline services such as health and social care or supporting those facing economic hardship."

c) Any commitments for the future use of the Appeal fund.

Not applicable.

Could the Committee set out the criteria against which applications to the Appeal fund are or will be considered?

Proceeds of the Appeal have been allocated as set out in the response to question b).

In summary, the Policy & Resources Committee is extremely grateful to the public and to businesses for the donations made to date.

**Deputy Peter Ferbrache
President
Policy & Resources Committee**