

**REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF THE CULTURE AND LEISURE DEPARTMENT
TO A QUESTION ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 6 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY MARY LOWE**

Question

In respect of each month during the periods May 2012 – December 2012 and January 2013 – December 2013 & January 2014 – December 2014:

- A) How many flights paid for by the States did the political members of Culture & Leisure take?*
- B) To which destinations did the political members of Culture & Leisure travel on those flights?*
- C) What were the departure and return dates in respect of each trip from Guernsey?*

Answer

- A) Please see attached spreadsheet.
- B) Please see attached spreadsheet.
- C) Please see attached spreadsheet.

Question

Which hotels paid for by the States did the political members of Culture and Leisure stay and for which nights during 2012 (from May 1 only), 2013 and 2014:

Answer

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Question

What is the total cost of air fares, hotels and any other expenditure, including any standard day allowances in relation to the out of the island trips representing the States during 2012 (from May 1 only), 2013 and 2014:

Answer

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Question

What is the total staff cost during the periods 2012 (from May 1 only), 2013 and 2014 of air fares, hotels and any other expenditure involved including any standard day allowances when accompanying, or joining the political members of Culture & Leisure when travelling out of the island representing the States?

Answer

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Question

Would you agree to publish travelling expenditure as a minimum annually and that in future such information will be made public by the end of January each year?

Answer

The Culture and Leisure Department has no objection to the general publication of Deputies travel expenditure when representing the Island outside the Bailiwick on a regular basis and that an appropriate frequency would be annual publication. Such a publication scheme should operate in accordance with the principles set out in the Policy for Access to Public Information and associated code of practice. However, the Department notes that the collation of this data in the format set out in the appended table is significantly time consuming and will review how this sort of information can be collated, reviewed and published in a way that is less resource intensive.

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