

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

Question

1. *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 Health & social Services Department take?*
 - b) *To which destinations did the political members of Health & Social Services Department travel on those flights?*
 - c) *What were the departure and return dates in respect of each trip from Guernsey?*

Answer

November 2012 - one return flight to Jersey departing 26th November and returning the same day.

March 2013 - one return flight to London Gatwick departing 7th March and returning 8th March.

May 2013 - one return flight to Manchester departing 29th May and returning 31st May.

March 2014 - one return flight to London Gatwick departing 6th March and returning 7th March.

March 2014 – one return flight to Jersey departing 14th March and returning the same day.

Question

2. *Which hotels paid for by the States did the political members of Health & Social Services Department stay and for which nights during 2012 (from May 1 only), 2013 and 2014.*

Answer

For two nights from the 29th May 2013 HSSD paid for a political members' accommodation at the Liner Hotel in Liverpool.

Question

3. *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

Total cost to HSSD of States political representation in 2012 was £72.45, in 2013 £598.16 and in 2014 £574.89.

Question

4. *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 Health & Social Services Department when travelling out of the island representing the States?*

Answer

Total cost to HSSD in 2012 was £72.45, in 2013 £2,084.60 and in 2014 £212.00.

Question

5. *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

Should Board member travel expenditure become routinely published, HSSD endeavors to capture such expenditure in a way that allows for easily accessible and reportable figures by end of January each year.

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Date of Reply: 26th January 2014