WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2013

Question

Further to his answer on 24th September 2013 will the Chief Minister provide an estimate of the full court and case costs arising from the secret court proceedings against former Senator Stuart Syvret and show this in relation to the annual court budget for the period concerned?

Answer

As explained at the last States sitting on 24th September 2013, the costs incurred by the Data Protection Commissioner's Office on this case amounted to just over £387,000 for a 6 year period from 2008 to September 2013. These costs were met from the court and case costs budget administered by the Judicial Greffe.

The only additional costs were £14,010 incurred by the Bailiff's Chambers, which were also met from the court and case costs budget. The Judicial Greffe incurred no additional costs.

This means the total cost of the case to the court and case costs budget was £401,010.

Court and case costs budget (Bailiff's Chambers and Judicial Greffe) (£):

9 months	Full year				
2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
3,373,718	4,117,900	3,753,555	5,224,482	4,171,552	2,863,710

Total for 6 year period (£):

23,504,917

The departmental budgets for the Court Services and the Data Protection Commissioner's Office from 2012 - 2015 are publicly available 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 all available on www.gov.je