

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES
COMMITTEE BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2014**

Question

Would the Chairman provide the Assembly with a list showing the names of States members who have claimed some or all of the £600 IT allowance giving details of the amount claimed by each member?

Answer

Twenty-six States members claimed the full £550 information technology allowance between 1st January and 1st September 2014, totalling £14,300.

An allowance of £600 per annum per States member was made available from 1st January 2014. This was funded using the existing budgeted amount for States members' information services provision. As 2014 is an election year, the allowance was prorated down to £550 to account for the fact that members who were not elected for a further term of office would receive remuneration, including expenses, until the end of November 2014. The States Members Remuneration Review Body has recommended that the £600 allowance is abolished from November 2014 (R.122/2014 refers).

The States agreed a number of years ago (P.225/2004 refers) that it was not appropriate to maintain a public register showing which members claimed remuneration and expenses and as a result this information has never been made public. In the same way the Committee does not feel it is appropriate to provide a list showing the names of those States members who have claimed the IT allowance.