

3.3 Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the cost for the training of fire officers and cover provided by the Fire and Rescue Service in place of the R.N.L.I. all-weather lifeboat: [1(642)]

Will the Minister provide the cost to date for the training of fire officers and cover provided by the Fire and Rescue Service in place of the R.N.L.I. (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) all-weather lifeboat; and will she also provide figures for the anticipated ongoing cost to the Fire and Rescue Service?

Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter (The Minister for Home Affairs)”

I am sure Members will agree that the first priority must be to ensure that all possible assets are available to save lives at sea. To that end, I wish to commend the Fire and Rescue Services [Approbation] for the speed in which they have worked with the R.N.L.I. and existing volunteers from St. Catherine’s Lifeboat Service to bring the St. Helier inshore lifeboat back into operational service. It took just 16 days. I think they all deserve our thanks in this regard. The cost to the Fire Service to date for the training of fire officers to crew the inshore lifeboat is £7,808. The other associated costs of training, which include backfill for firefighters being trained, are R.N.L.I. trainer costs and medicals: total £31,987. These are all being funded by the R.N.L.I. There are no future anticipated costs to the Fire and Rescue Service because the response and ongoing training will only be carried out by on-duty personnel, usually one or 2, who are already paid to be on duty.

3.3.1 Senator S.C. Ferguson:

Is the £30,000 or so that is being funded by the R.N.L.I. coming out of the funds that are held in pool by the R.N.L.I. on behalf of Jersey?

The Bailiff:

I am not sure that is a matter for this Minister. I do not see how this Minister could answer that question.