

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS COMMITTEE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2004

Question

Would the President provide a breakdown of the allocated one per cent budget in respect of the Emergency Planning Office (EPO) as indicated on the chart on page 14 of the 2005 Budget book, together with a comparison for the previous five years of budget and expenditure both in percentage and monetary values for the EPO?

Answer

The Deputy will note from the attached analysis, which provides a breakdown of the Emergency Planning Office actual expenditure in 2001, 2002 and 2003 and budgeted expenditure in 2004 and 2005 both in percentage and monetary values, that the one percent budget reduction is due to a decrease in manpower costs and an increase in premises and maintenance costs.

Following a review of staff costs, the department was able to reduce the budget set aside for this purpose by £3,500.

The increase in the premises and maintenance budget, amounting to £2,300, is required to meet the increased costs of building maintenance in 2005.