

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE BY  
SENATOR P.V.F. LE CLAIRE**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON 22nd JUNE 2004**

**Question**

Would the President –

- (a) inform members whether the Committee is still employing public relations consultants and if so, would he name the companies or individuals so employed by the Committee?
- (b) confirm the fees charged to the Committee by the consultants and the amounts paid to them in the last 12 months?

**Answer**

- (a) Yes; the Policy and Resources Committee is still employing public relations consultants.

As noted in the response to the question in the States from Senator E.P. Vibert on 9th September 2003, the Committee is currently employing Mrs. Katie Le Quesne as a Communications Consultant on a contract basis.

The Committee has also been employing a London based firm, 'Quiller Consultants' to monitor and promote Jersey's international finance interests under a long-standing contract arrangement which has been terminated from September 2004.

The Committee also employs Mr. Philip Jeune of 'PJ News and Publishing' to co-ordinate the publication of the 'Changing States' newsletter, which is published four or five times a year and is circulated to all States employees.

- (b) The fees charged to the Committee by the consultants for this work in the last 12 months, together with the amounts paid to them, are as follows –

Mrs. Katie Le Quesne is receiving a fee of £55,000, and there are no further expenses in this connection.

The fees charged by Quiller Consultants are £135,000, with no additional expenses.

The fees paid to PJ News and Publishing amount to £2096.15 in respect of work carried out on the last four issues of Changing States.

The total amount paid for public relations consultants over the last 12 months therefore amounts to £192,096.15. It should be noted that this amount is expected to decrease very significantly from 2004 onwards with the expiry of the contract with Quiller Consultants.