

2.2 Deputy S.C. Ferguson of St. Brelade of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the costs of internal investigations by the States of Jersey Police:

Would the Minister update the Assembly on the total costs of internal investigations by the States of Jersey Police since her last answer on this matter on the 20th June 2006, including the vehicle recovery matters and the case of accessing the registered keeper database, and will she also give the figures for the total number of police officers and civilian staff currently on suspension?

Senator W. Kinnard (The Minister of Home Affairs):

Internal investigations are handled by the Professional Standards Department and the officers who work in this department are part of the establishment of the force and their salaries are paid, irrespective of which department they work within. There is therefore no relevant additional cost to the internal investigations. The officers' salaries are fixed costs to the force as they work on a number of cases at any one time and are assigned to other duties as operational needs arise. I cannot comment on the specific case to which the Deputy draws attention as some matters are still *sub judice* but I can say that there is currently one police officer suspended. There are no civilians suspended.

2.2.1 Deputy S.C. Ferguson:

I asked for the costs of the investigations, whether it is met out of the Professional Standards Department budget or not. Perhaps the Minister could give us the costs?

Senator W. Kinnard:

The only costs that perhaps could be relevant are the staff costs. The Professional Standards Department is comprised of one detective inspector and 2 detective sergeants and a half of a civilian manager's role. The salaries for those police ranks are publicly available but I can supply those for information: £61,128 per annum for the inspector and £49,455 for each of the sergeants. The civilian post is currently the Civil Service grade 7 with a salary range of £25,237 to £28,414.

2.2.2 Deputy S.C. Ferguson:

The length of time it has taken to investigate the vehicle recovery matters and the registered keeper database excess?

Senator W. Kinnard:

I did say that I would not comment on the specific cases but I will say, Sir, that the review into the towing arrangements carried out by officers from the Sussex Police Force was not in fact a Professional Standards Department matter. It covered a number of matters involving States of Jersey Police's strategic review of their recovery of vehicles. The 2 matters in that particular instance are not related. Thank you, Sir.

2.2.3 Deputy S.C. Ferguson:

Sir, supplementary. How much time was spent on the vehicle recovery matter?

Senator W. Kinnard:

I do not have the exact amount of time. That is a matter perhaps I could find out but I do not see what relevance it can possibly be. Thank you, Sir.