

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY DEPUTY A.
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JULY 2008

Question

Is the Minister aware that P.22/2005 relating to the relocation and lease of the new Tourism Office states that the “relocation of Jersey Tourism into the new offices to be carried out at nil expense to the Public” and, if so, would he give details of how the ‘one off costs of £325,000’ were incurred as outlined on page 8 of the ‘Financial Report and Accounts for 2007’?

Answer

The move to the new offices at Liberation Place was completed in October 2007, and resulted in two sections of the Economic Development Department, Tourism and the Regulatory Services Directorate being relocated in the new building. Subsequently, the Ministerial and Chief Officer's Secretariat moved into the building.

The combined rental for the new building, storage facilities in St John, and 3 parking spaces for States owned vehicles located in the Waterfront car park remains at £109,300 which is the same rental paid for the previous Tourism building in Liberation Square.

The negotiated cost for the move as stated in the Report P.22 / 2005 referred to the rental and base costs. In the intervening period between the original agreement in 2002 and 2007 there were changes to the business operation of which account needed to be taken in the final fit out. The cost of these tenant variations, new furniture for each of the four floors, new retail display units for the retail area, internet access units, blackout blinds, AV systems and fees associated with the project management of the move comprised the one off cost outlined on page 8 of the financial reports and accounts.

As a consequence of the move, at nil rental increase, Jersey Tourism has a State of the Art office building comprising 6,650square feet at a rental of £16.43 per square foot, which is significantly below current market value.