

2.5 Connétable D.J. Murphy of Grouville of the Minister for Economic Development regarding the reimbursement of investors of Alternate Insurance Services Limited:

Would the Minister inform the Assembly whether any Members of the States were reimbursed as part of the £597,000 package authorised by him and paid to investors of Alternate Insurance Services Limited last month and, if so, would he identify them and state the amounts paid?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean (The Minister for Economic Development):

I am advised that no Members of the States were reimbursed in respect of the case involving Alternate Insurance Services Limited.

The Greffier of the States (in the Chair):

That is a very clear answer. We are not having a full debate on Alternate, Constable.

The Connétable of Grouville:

No, I am extremely grateful for the Minister's reply and I would like to say that the reason I asked this question was because of the amount of rumours that are flying around. He has put them to bed. Thank you very much.

The Greffier of the States (in the Chair):

I am not sure supplementaries will arise, Deputy Maçon, the answer was very clear.

2.5.1 Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour:

Just quickly; any past States Members?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean:

I was not asked that question specifically and I do not know. I should point out that I do not know the names and identities of the investors. When this court case was heard the judge ruled that the identities of the investors should remain anonymous and I thought it was important that in determining the facts of this particular case that the names were largely irrelevant, there was no need to personalise the matter, so I am afraid I do not know directly, but if the Deputy would like to ask that as a separate question the information can be obtained, I am sure.

2.5.2 The Deputy of St. Martin:

It is very much on that because the Minister knows that I had sent him an email asking a similar question but also elaborating on that, and I have yet to have an answer. But really, I think it is quite important that public money has been given out - quite a considerable amount of public money - and I am rather surprised to hear that the court has ruled that the recipients should not be made known, yet it is public money. Will the Minister give consideration to maybe making the names of those people who have received the money available to States Members?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean:

No, I will not.