

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY THE DEPUTY
OF GROUVILLE**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2009

Question

With regard to the architects employed within the Property Services Department, could the Minister confirm:-

- (a) how many architects, technicians, engineers and supporting staff are employed within the Department's Architectural section?
- (b) at what cost are all of these posts for the year ended 2008?
- (c) at what grade and cost are each of the architects?
- (d) what specific projects have they completed since the end of 2006?
- (e) when was the last time the Department entered a design into the Jersey Design Awards and, if not last year, why?

Answer

There are three separate areas within the "Architectural section" led by the Assistant Director who is a qualified architect. The staffing level in each area is as follows:

- (i) Architectural Design - 10
Comprising Principal Architects, Architect, Senior Architectural Assistants, Architectural Assistants, Trainee Architectural Assistant
- (ii) Mechanical & Electrical Design - 5
Comprising Principal Engineer, Senior Assistants, Energy Management Engineer
- (iii) Clerk of Works - 4 Senior Clerks of Works
- (iv) Support Staff - 1 Senior Secretary

Question (b) At what cost are all of these posts for the year end 2008?

The total salary cost including pension and social security contributions in 2008 was £1,272,873.

In addition there are other ancillary costs totalling £44,758.

It should be noted that the income generated for the professional services provided totalled £1,139,581.

Income is received on completion of specific stages of work within a project and may not align to input costs incurred.

Question (c) At what grade and cost are each of the architects?

The three Architects in the design section are in Civil Service salary bands 12 to 14 grade. The costs incurred in 2008, including employers costs for social security and PECS pension contribution, for these individuals ranges from £65,163 to £84,098

Question (d) What specific projects have they completed since the end of 2006?

It is assumed the Deputy of Grouville's question relates to architectural projects which have been constructed and occupied since the end of 2006. These would include the following:

- Alterations to the East Shed at Bellozanne
- Mont a L'abbe School Phase 1
- St Clements School
- St Peters School
- Airport Departures Security Area
- Mont a L'abbe School Temporary Kitchen
- Magistrates' Courts (Alterations to Court No.1)
- Alterations to Cyril Le Marquand House
- Store extension to Hautlieu School
- Alterations to the "Blue Light" Workshop
- Phased upgrade of wards at the General Hospital
- Infrastructure improvements to Central Market

In addition to these contracts designed "in-house" the other sections were actively involved with other contracts administered by private sector architects.

Question (e) When was the last time the Department entered a design into the Jersey Design Awards, and, if not last year, why?

Since the introduction of the Architectural Design Awards sponsored by the Environment and Planning Department submissions have been made by the Architectural Services section. In the inaugural year, 1998, the top award was presented for the design of First Tower School. In the same year commendations were also awarded for St Johns School and the Jersey Airport Departures Building. In subsequent years awards were received for Grouville School, Overdale Rehabilitation Unit, States Building Refurbishment, Mont Nicolle School and Hautlieu School. In 2006 four submissions were made in the prescribed format for the Magistrates' Courts, St Clements School, D'Auvergne School and Oakfield (Hautlieu) Sports Facilities.

No submission was made in 2008 as none of the contracts completed in the previous two years were considered appropriate. Mont a L'abbe School Phase 1 could have been submitted however the conceptual design was prepared by another architectural practice as part of a feasibility study.

Should the competition continue in 2010 it is anticipated that the recently completed St Peters School and the new Air Traffic Control Centre will be submitted.