

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2015**

Question

1. Will the Chief Minister set out for members the entire cost of the suspension of the former Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police from October/November 2008 to the present time breaking this sum down into -
 - (a) the costs of his salary during his suspension and the salary of the Deputy Chief Officer of Police who acted up for him;
 - (b) the cost of the Napier Report;
 - (c) the cost of the Wiltshire Report;
 - (d) the cost of the Judicial Review into his initial suspension;
 - (e) the cost of time spent by the Law Officers dealing with this matter before and after his suspension;
 - (f) the costs of the UK PR consultant who was employed by the States immediately before the suspension?
2. Is the Chief Minister satisfied that this money was well spent?

Answer

1.
 - (a) As outlined in the response to Q5459 on 22 June 2010, the cost of salaries and subsistence to cover the absence of Mr Power up to the 20th July 2010 was £234,854.
 - (b) The cost of the Napier Report was £54,518.
It is available online: <http://www.gov.je/Government/Pages/StatesReports.aspx?ReportID=467>
 - (c) As outlined in the response to Q5459 on 22 June 2010, the total cost of the first Wiltshire Investigation to 31 May 2010 was £572,532.
Q5459 is available online:
<http://www.statesassembly.gov.je/AssemblyQuestions/2010/Deputy%20of%20St%20Martin%20to%20HA%20re%20Wiltshire%20Police%20investigation%20costs.pdf>
 - (d) The application for judicial review was dealt with by the Law Officers' Department within existing resources.
 - (e) This information is not held by the Law Officers' Department. The work on this case was done on a previous case management system which is no longer in use.
 - (f) The cost of the UK PR consultant was £2937.50

2. The former Home Affairs Minister has said the reports were ‘of immense value in informing members of this assembly and the general public as to what happened’.

My predecessors felt it was important to follow due process and carry out an appropriate investigation into this matter. The investigation was sensitive so Mr Brian Napier QC and Wiltshire Police were engaged to undertake the work. I have no reason to doubt the value of this work.