

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister provide details of the following in respect of the Safer Travel programme at the Ports of Jersey –

- (a) the total budget for on-arrival testing;
- (b) the amount that has been spent to date on the testing in (a);
- (c) the number of people that have been tested to date;
- (d) the cost of testing per person; and
- (e) the total budget for the ‘track and trace’ scheme?

Answer

- (a) The business case for on-arrival testing for 1 July – 31 December 2020 requests funding of £17.938m. The funding has been approved by the Council of Ministers.
- (b) Direct expenditure totalling £2.559m has been recorded in the financial system from 1 July to 31 August. This includes costs associated with on-island testing as well as people arriving in the island, and incorporates clinical staff costs and costs for test processing. In addition, test processing costs for August are anticipated to be c£2.274m.

Due to the way in which it has been recorded, it is very difficult to split out the costs between testing for arriving passengers and testing Islanders.
- (c) Between 1 July and 31 August 2020, 57,102 on-arrival tests had been undertaken, along with 10,851 tests for Islanders seeking healthcare and/or essential workers.
- (d) Based on the above information, the average direct cost per test was £71. This comprises clinical staff (swabbers) and test processing costs.
- (e) The budget for Contact Tracing for May – December 2020 is £1.258m. In addition, the business case for Monitoring and Enforcement for 1 July – 31 December 2020 requests funding of £1.549m for monitoring and £0.378m for isolation measures. The funding has been approved by the Council of Ministers.