

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES
COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY K.G. PAMPLIN OF ST. SAVIOUR
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020**

Question

“Will the Chair provide a breakdown of the costs of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the continued operation of the States Assembly, covering the period from 1st March to 25th September 2020, including –

- (a) any additional staffing required at the States Greffe;
- (b) any overtime or sickness absence days incurred by States Greffe staff;
- (c) technical support from Digital Jersey or any digital broadcasting company to enable remote and hybrid States sittings to take place;
- (d) any additional technical equipment required to enable remote or hybrid States sittings; and
- (e) the hiring of Fort Regent?”

Answer

- (a) There was no additional staffing required at the States Greffe in the time period from 1st March 2020 to 25th September 2020 because of Covid-19.
- (b) In the period from 1st March 2020 to 25th September 2020 there was:
 - i. no overtime paid to States Greffe staff; and
 - ii. no Covid related absence recorded.
- (c) Costs incurred in connexion with technical support from companies assisting with the digital broadcasting:
 - i. £1,404.78 to Ports of Jersey (for the recording set up at Fort Regent and in the States Chamber); and
 - ii. £9,567.80 to Delta Production Services (for the hire of equipment, set-up, and staff at Fort Regent);
 - iii. £2,225.00 to ALX (for the support for Chamber sitting and Members training); and
 - iv. The assistance received from Digital Jersey to set up and run virtual sittings of the Assembly was not charged for.
- (d) Costs incurred for technical equipment required to enable remote or hybrid States sittings:
 - i. £471.90 to Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Trial);
 - ii. £127.00 for a monitor for the States Chamber; and
 - iii. £2,378.79 for 3 laptops for the States Chamber (at a cost of £792.93 each).
- (e) No direct cost was incurred for the hire of Fort Regent, however (as per section (c) (ii) above) there was £9,567.80 paid to Delta Production Services for associated equipment hire, set up, and staff costs.