

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLÉE PARLEMENTAIRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE
JERSEY BRANCH (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2022**

Question

“Will the President advise –

- (a) the total cost of States Members’ travel, accommodation and food associated with attendance at Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie events around the world for each of the last five years, including to date in 2022; and
- (b) who is able to represent the Island at such events and explain the selection process?”

Answer

The expenditure on Members’ attendance at events organised by the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF) are shown below (including to date in 2022):

2018:	£1,812.78
2019:	£9,609.02
2020:	£0
2021:	£0
2022:	£4,581.31

Total: £16,003.11

The Members who attended conferences during this period were former Senator John Le Fondré, Deputy Montfort Tadier, Connétable Michael Jackson, Deputy Kirsten Morel, Deputy Geoff Southern and Deputy Raluca Kovacs.

In accordance with the Branch Rules for the Jersey Section of the APF, it is the Executive Committee of the Branch that decides the States Members who will comprise the delegations that attend APF Conferences. The only specification within the Branch Rules themselves is that members of delegations must enjoy a good standard of spoken French and are able to read French. However, one of the annual conferences to which the Branch receives an invitation is the Conférence des Présidents, and it is expected that the President (or Vice-President) of the Section will normally attend that particular conference.

In recent years, delegations have essentially comprised members who have also sat on the Executive Committee. It is apparent, however, that within the current Assembly there is a larger number of French-speaking members, or members with an interest in the work of the APF, than during previous terms; and the current Executive Committee will therefore consider how to ensure the opportunities to attend APF conferences are made more widely available across the membership than may have been the case in previous years.