

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE *FOR* EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER LE TISSIER**

Question 1:

In respect of each month during the period October 2020 to March 2024 how many flights paid for by the States did each political member of the Committee for Education Sport & Culture take and to which destinations and what was the class of travel for each trip & member?

Reply:

Please see attached table.

Please note there was no travel between Oct-Dec 2020 and between Jan-March 2024.

Question 2:

In relation to question 1, what were the departure and return dates in respect of each member's trip from Guernsey, identifying which if any members extended their stay beyond States business for private/personal reasons?

Reply:

Please see attached table.

Question 3:

What were the dates of the event/meeting?

Reply:

Please see attached table.

Question 4:

The same questions 1, 2 & 3 applies, how many Civil Servants and/or advisors accompanied political members on each trip to include departure/return/meeting/events dates?

Reply:

Please see attached table.

Question 5:

Which hotels paid for by the States did each political member of the Committee for Education Sport & Culture stay and for which nights during October 2020 – March 2024.

Reply:

Please see attached table.

Question 6:

What was the total cost of air fares, hotels and any other expenditure, including any standard day allowances in relation to the out of the island trips representing the States for each trip taken during the period October 2020 – March 2024 by each political member.

Reply:

Please see attached table.

Question 7:

What 'day allowances and other expenditure did each member receive for each trip during the period October 2020-March 2024?

Reply:

Day allowances were not claimed.

Question 8:

The same questions 5, 6 & 7 above applies to Civil Servants and/or advisors accompanying political members on each trip October 2020-March 2024

Reply:

Please see attached table. Day allowances were not claimed.

Question 9:

In relation to previous Rule 6 (now numbered 11) questions on each members travel and expenditure during 2011 Deputy Trott as Chief Minister wrote '*in the spirit of moving towards more open and transparent Government, it is intended that information of this type will be provided as a matter of course in the next administration*'. As this didn't happen questions were repeated in January 2015 addressed to Deputy Le Tocq as Chief Minister, when replying he stated 'The Policy Council has no objection to the general publication of Deputies travel expenditure when representing the island outside the Bailiwick on a regular basis and that an appropriate frequency would be annual publication. As Deputy Trott & Deputy Le Tocq both as Chief Ministers at various times sought publishing States members travel details as above, and neither have pursued this happening, will the President of the Committee for Education Sport & Culture give assurances in the interest of transparency and accountability an annual detailed report covering the above will be published in the public domain, highlighting each States members travel details, costs and the reason for the trip?

Reply:

The Committee supports the principle of transparency with regard to the off island travel of its Members on Committee business, and the associated costs. However, the President is not in a position to be able to give an assurance that the travel arrangements and cost of each States Member when traveling on States of Guernsey business will be published, and is mindful of the resource implications of producing and reporting this information. Given those implications, and the need to ensure consistency of reporting, the Committee suggests that it might be more appropriate for the Policy & Resources Committee to consider and coordinate any such reporting.

Question 10:

Would you agree that changes need to be made and that in the interest of transparency and accountability States members trips away on States business should be circulated to all Deputies within a reasonable time after the trip?

Reply:

As set out in response to Question 9, the Committee supports the principle of transparency with regard to business travel and travel costs, which are a necessary part of fulfilling its mandate. Given the overheads in doing so, the Committee can see no benefit in reporting these trips to States Members on an ad-hoc basis outside of any formal publication cycle that might arise following a review of the replies from all States Committees to these questions.

Date	Committee Members	Number of additional attendees/ Officers	Destination	Purpose/meetings held	Travel Politicians (£)	Travel Officers (£)	Accommodation Politicians (£)	Accommodation Officers (£)	Hotel
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2021									
5 July	Deputy Dudley-Owen Deputy Cameron Deputy Haskins Deputy Aldwell	1	Alderney	Visit to St Anne's School and meeting States of Alderney Representatives	£525.12	£146.58*	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021 Totals					£525.12	£146.58			

2022									
6 June 7 June	Deputy Cameron	3	Alderney	St Anne's School Headteacher interviews	£131.28	£379.24*	£93.50	£280.50	Braye Beach Hotel
10 July 12 July	Deputy Cameron	1	Alderney	St Anne's School Interim Governance Board meeting and Deputy Headteacher Interviews	£155.00	£171.00*	£187.00	£187.00	Braye Beach Hotel
11 July	Deputy Dudley-Owen Deputy Haskins	3	Alderney	St Anne's School Interim Governance Board meeting	£238.56	£255.96*	N/A	N/A	N/A
11 July 12 July		1	Alderney	St Anne's School Deputy	N/A	£155.00	N/A	£93.50	N/A

				Headteacher interviews					
13 November 14 November	Deputy Cameron	0	Alderney	St Anne's School Committee meeting & St Anne's School Interim Governance Board meeting	£119.98	N/A	£102.15	N/A	Braye Beach Hotel
14 November	Deputy Dudley-Owen Deputy Haskins	3	Alderney	St Anne's School Interim Governance Board meeting	£207.96	£315.94*	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022 Totals					£852.72	£1,277.14	£374.00	£561.00	

2023									
23 May	Deputy Haskins	2	Herm	Discussion with Herm tenant re Herm Classroom	£0.00**	£0.00**	N/A	N/A	
17 July	Deputy Haskins	2	Alderney	St Anne's School Interim Governance Board meeting	£156.47	£273.32*	N/A	N/A	N/A
26 October 27 October	Deputy Haskins	1	London	British-Irish Council: Early Years Ministerial	£229.98	£229.98	£132.66	£132.66	Premier Inn
2023 Totals					£386.45	£503.30	£132.66	£132.66	

* Cost of the taxi shared between all attendees is reported in this figure

** As per the arrangements with Herm Trident and Herm Island, there was no charge for ferry travel connected to education provision for Herm's children

