

**QUESTIONS ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY LE TISSIER**

The questions and answers are as follows:-

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 Development & Planning Authority take and to which destinations and what was the class of travel for each trip & member?

Answer – There was only one off-Island visit within this period, on 5th April 2022, when the D&PA President and Vice-President visited Alderney at the invitation of the Alderney Building & Development Control Committee to observe an Open Planning Meeting and discuss matters of mutual interest. The fares for the flights were the lowest available at that time at a cost of £111.98 per person. It should also be noted that representatives of the Alderney Building & Development Control Committee have visited Guernsey during the period in question for similar purposes at their own expense.

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?

Answer – Same day – 5th April 2022, leaving Guernsey at 08:55hrs and returning at 16:00hrs. No one extended their stay.

3. What were the dates of the event/meeting?

Answer – Same day - on 5th April 2022

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?

Answer – One senior Officer accompanied the President and Vice-President on the visit to Alderney on 5th April 2022 arriving and departing on the same flights.

5. Which hotels paid for by the States did each political member of the Development & Planning Authority stay and for which nights during October 2020 – March 2024.

Answer – N/a – no hotels were used as the visit did not involve an overnight stay.

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.

Answer – The total cost was £111.98 per person for each person travelling. No allowances or other expenses were claimed.

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

Answer – N/a - Please see answer to Question 6.

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

Answer – Please see answers to Question 5, 6 and 7.

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 Development & Planning Authority 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?

Answer – Although committed to openness and transparency in public matters, the answers above demonstrate that for the D&PA the issue of off-Island travel is of minimal significance and in our opinion does not justify the expense involved in preparing a report on the matter. Aside from the one visit to Alderney referred to above, for the D&PA it would have been a nil return for the entire period October 2020 to March 2024.

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?

Answer – Please see answer to Question 9.

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