

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE  
TO QUESTIONS POSED BY DEPUTY LE TISSIER PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE  
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

- 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 Health & Social Care Committee take and to which destinations and what was the class of travel for each trip & member?**

As per the attached table, there were five occasions where political members of the Committee *for* Health & Social Care travelled off-island acting on behalf on Health & Social Care:

- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Alderney – Deputy Al Brouard, Deputy Tina Bury, Deputy Marc Leadbeater, Deputy Aidan Matthews and one Non-Voting Member – total 10 standard class flights (i.e. 5 return flights)
- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Alderney – Deputy Al Brouard, Deputy Tina Bury, Deputy Marc Leadbeater, Deputy Aidan Matthews and two Non-Voting Members – total 12 standard class flights (i.e. 6 return flights)
- 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Alderney – Deputy Al Brouard, Deputy Aidan Matthews – total 4 standard class flights (i.e. 2 return flights)
- 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Jersey - Deputy Al Brouard, Deputy Marc Leadbeater, Deputy Aidan Matthews, Alderney Representative Alex Snowdon – total 8 standard class flights (i.e. 4 return flights)
- 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – London and Dublin - Deputy Al Brouard – total 3 standard class flights. (A return leg from London Gatwick to Guernsey was paid for by Deputy Brouard.)

In total, 37 flights were taken by the Committee since October 2020.

This excludes travel for Alderney Representative Snowdon travelling between Guernsey and Alderney to attend States Meetings or Committee Meetings.

- 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?**

The first four trips outlined above in question 1 to Alderney and Jersey were day trips, so departure and return dates are as stated, with the exception of the trip on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 which returned the next day. Deputy Brouard extended at his own expense on three occasions.

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

As with question 2, the first four trips outlined were day trips so the meetings took place on the date stated.

The trip on 25<sup>th</sup> January was for the British Irish Council – Drug and Alcohol Ministerial, with the Ministerial meeting taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**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?**

As per the attached table, the details of civil servant attendance on these trips was as follows:

- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Alderney – one Civil Servant, 2 standard flights. Departure, return and meeting all on that date.
- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Alderney – one Civil Servant, 2 standard flights. Departure, return and meeting all on that date.
- 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Alderney - no Civil Servants accompanied.
- 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Jersey - four Civil Servants, totalling 8 standard flights. Departure, return and meeting all on that date.
- 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – London and Dublin - two Civil Servants, totalling 8 standard flights. The event took place on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

This means in total 20 flights (i.e. 10 return flights) were taken by Civil Servants to and from Guernsey in this period.

**5. Which hotels paid for by the States did each political member of the Health & Social Care Committee stay and for which nights during October 2020-March 2024?**

There was only one trip which required hotel accommodation for a member of the Committee, which was one night for Deputy Brouard at the Mespil Hotel in Dublin for 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as part of the British-Irish Council Conference.

**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?**

As per the attached table, the total cost of travel and hotels for out of the island trips for the Committee was £2,691.12 for political members. Additional travel expenses to cover taxis totalled £154.

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

There were no claims for day allowances or other travel expenses being paid to Committee Members for these trips.

**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**

As per the attached table, there was only one occasion where civil servants accompanying political members required accommodation. This was for the trip on 25<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the Mespil Hotel in Dublin for two officers, costing £244.80 in total.

The total cost for travel and hotels for civil servants during this period was £1,362.98. Travel expenses claimed by Civil Servants equalled £60.

**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 Health & Social Care Committee give assurances in the interests 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?**

As with many businesses, there can be a need for travel and this should be accounted for in the Accounts. A detailed annual report of Members' specific travel and expenditure needs to be weighed against the resources required to provide such an annual report.

It is also suggested that a consistent approach across all Committees would be preferable which is perhaps a matter for the Policy & Resources Committee to consider given the implications on the States of Guernsey's limited resources.

**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?**

No, the Committee does not believe this would be the best use of limited officer resource.

**Date of receipt of questions: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Date of response: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Date	Committee Members	Number of additional attendees/Officers	Destination	Purpose/meetings held	Travel Politicians (£)	Travel Officers (£)	Accommodation Politicians (£)	Accommodation Officers (£)	Hotel
2020 (from October)									
2020 Totals									
2021									
20/05/2021	Tina Bury, Marc Leadbeater, Aidan Matthews, Emily Litten, Al Brouard	1	Alderney		£595.90	£247.96	N/A	N/A	N/A
16/09/2021	Tina Bury, Marc Leadbeater, Aidan Matthews, Emily Litten, Al Brouard, George Oswald	1	Alderney		£831.48	£138.58	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021 Totals					£1,427.38	£386.54			
2022									
09/11/2022	Al Brouard and Aidan Matthews	0		Alderney Care Board Meeting	£254.98	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022 Totals					£254.98				
2023									
11/09/2023	Alex Snowdon, Al Brouard, Marc Leadbeater, Aidan Matthews	4	Jersey		£628.92	£599.92	N/A	N/A	N/A
2023 Totals					£628.92	£599.92			
2024 (up to March)									
25/01/2024-26/01/2024	Al Brouard	2	London and Dublin	British Irish Council - Drug and Alcohol Ministerial	£234.84	£131.72	£145.00	£244.80	Mespil Hotel, Dublin
2024 Totals					£234.84	£131.72	£145.00	£244.80	