

**Response to a Question Pursuant to Rule 14
of the Rules of Procedures of the States of Deliberation and their Committees**

Subject: Travel Costs for off Island trips for Members of the Committee for Economic Development and officers

States Member: Deputy Le Tissier

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Questions

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 Economic Development take and to which destinations and what was the class of travel for each trip & member?
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?
3. That were the dates of the event/meeting?
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?
5. Which hotels paid for by the States did each political member of the Committee for Economic Development stay and for which nights during October 2020 – March 2024.
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.
7. What 'day allowances and other expenditure did each member receive for each trip during the period October 2020-March 2024?
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

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 Economic Development 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?
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?

Answers to Questions 1 to 8

The attached table details the cost of off-Island trips that have been made by the Members of the Committee for Economic Development between October 2020 and March 2024 in answer to questions 1 to 8.

The total expenditure on travel costs for all five political Members and the accompanying officers for the period October 2020 to March 2024 is £9,385.18.

The attached table provides the details of the individual trips made by the Committee's Members and officers and the associated travel and accommodation expenses.

No member of the Committee claimed any day allowances and no Member extended any of their trips for personal reasons.

Question 9.

The Members of the Committee for Economic Development would have no objection to there being a central requirement for data on States Members' off Island travel costs to be published on an annual basis.

Question 10

The Members of the Committee for Economic Development do not feel that there should be a requirement for States Members to circulate the details of their trips away on States Business to all deputies within a reasonable time after the trip. The Committee's preference would be for the data to be published on an annual basis, which is a more transparent and efficient way of sharing the information.

Committee for Economic Development: Member Travel and Accommodation Costs - October 2020 to March 2024

Date	Committee Members	Number of Officers	Destination	Purpose/meetings held	Travel Politicians (£)	Travel Officers (£)	Accommodation Politicians (£)	Accommodation Officers (£)	Name of Hotel	Total Travel Cost (£)	Comments
2020 (from October)											
	None										No trips made
2020 Totals					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
2021											
12 May 2021	Deputy Inder Deputy Vermeulen	2	Alderney	Meeting with States of Alderney's Economic Development Committee	199.96	199.96	0.00	0.00	Daytrip	399.92	Daytrip
2021 Totals					199.96	199.96	0.00	0.00		399.92	
2022											
8 June 2022	Deputy Kazentseva-Miller	1	Jersey	Meeting with Digital Jersey	133.98	133.98	0.00	0.00	Daytrip	267.96	Daytrip
27 July 2022	Deputy Moakes	1	Birmingham	Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council Business Summit*	223.98	223.98	291.65	291.65	Premier Inn	1,031.26	2 nights
19 October 2022	Deputy Falla	0	Cardiff	British Irish Council Meeting - Social Enterprise	299.18	0.00	249.00	0.00	Park Plaza	548.18	2 nights
4 December 2022	Deputy Moakes	1	London	Commonwealth Trade and Investment Summit*	199.08	248.08	429.00	429.00	Hilton	1,305.16	2 nights
2022 Totals					856.22	606.04	969.65	720.65		3,152.56	
2023											
29 March 2023	Deputy Kazantseva-Miller	1	Isle of Man	British Irish Council meeting - Creative Industries	302.14	302.14	221.50	221.50	Ramsey Park Hotel and Premier Inn	1,047.28	2 nights
24 April 2023	Deputy Moakes	1	London	Japan Symposium and Embassy Visit*	265.98	209.98	184.55	169.35	Premier Inn	829.86	1 night
10 July 2023	Deputy Moakes	2	London	Meeting with a UK Minister*	189.98	424.96	0.00	0.00	Daytrip	614.94	Daytrip
31 October 2023	Deputy Kazantseva-Miller	0	London	Digital Event with Scale Space	288.68	0.00	167.50	0.00	IBIS London	456.18	1 night
26 November 2023	Deputy Moakes	1	London	Commonwealth Trade and Investment Summit & UAE event*	195.08	195.08	669.00	669.00	Hilton	1,728.16	3 nights
6 December 2023	Deputy Inder	1	London	Meeting with Service Provider	179.98	179.98	248.18	248.18	Premier Inn	856.32	1 night
2023 Totals					1,421.84	1,312.14	1,490.73	1,308.03		5,532.74	
2024 (up to March)											
11 January 2024	Deputy Inder	1	Jersey	Meeting with States of Jersey	149.98	149.98	0.00	0.00	Daytrip	299.96	Daytrip
2024 Totals					149.98	149.98	0.00	0.00		299.96	
CfED Total Travel Costs											
2020 to 2024					2,628.00	2,268.12	2,460.38	2,028.68		9,385.18	

Note: No Member of the Committee extended their stay for personal reasons
* Represents trips that Deputy Moakes has undertaken on behalf of External Relations