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Request:

This is a request to ask for details of all disbursements from the monies set aside to provide for a new Headquarters of the Sea Cadets under the Freedom of Information Law. This should include confirmation of the original decision and allocation. It should also include the position of the officials and names of the politicians authorising deductions from the funds.

Response:

The sum of £600,000 was allocated in the 1995 Budget as part of the Capital Programme to the Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee for the re-location of the Sea Cadets. That Committee subsequently became part of the responsibility of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

The data which is available from 1995 to 2002 is held on an obsolete financial accounting system and therefore only provides the amount which was spent year on year and not details of individual transactions.

1995	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total
£1,356	£11,653	£116,641	£41,037	£1,880	£2,820	£175,387

In 2002 a new financial accounting system was introduced.

The following information has been extracted from that system for the expenditure made by the Education, Sport and Culture Department (ESC) or their predecessor from the funding identified for relocation of the Sea Cadets.

	2003	2004
Architects Fees	£3,476	
Quantity Surveyor's Fees	£1,280	
Main Contract	£9,800	£1,119
Other Capital expenditure		£1,675
Total	£14,556	£2,794

Total spend between 1995 and 2004 = £192,737

The remaining budget of £407,263 was transferred from ESC to Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) in 2006.

St Helier Port Services have been paid £225,334 in relation to the recent scheme and the disbursements made by them to third parties are:

	2013 £	2014 £
Legal Fees		10,000
Architect Fees		99,244
Marine Architects Fees		6,388
Project Management Fees		49,838
Quantity Surveyor Fees		24,910
Heritage Advisor Fees		7,480
Public Relations Fees		8,652
Valuer Fees		446
Concept scheme fee contribution (various)		<u>18,376</u>
		225,334

Further payments have been made as follows in relation to the scheme:

Planning Fees (to Planning & Environment)		32,802
Surveyors Fees (to Transport & Technical Services)	560	
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Sub Total	<hr/>	258,136
	Total	258,696

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In addition to the above costs of the Port Galots scheme, payments totalling £55,750 were made to the Jersey Maritime Trust.

These payments were in relation to setting up and operating the Trust. They were funded from two sources:

- £41,200 from the £600,000 allocation for the Sea Cadets capital budget; and
- a further grant of £14,550 from JPH's revenue budget for ongoing activities of the Trust.

Both amounts were solely in relation to the Port Galots proposals. However if an alternative solution is proposed, either on this or a different site, the Trust is likely to have a role in the operation of the facility.

The balance of funds which remains is £107,367.

Minutes of the Sport, Leisure and Recreation (SLR) Committee meetings held between 1991-2001 that include details of the original decision to provide for relocation of the Sea Cadet Unit are attached.

Two Ministerial Decisions from 21st March 2013 and 3rd June 2014, signed by the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources, relating to the site at Les Galots and authorising expenditure on the scheme, were exempt from publication at the time, due to commercial and financial interests. Under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 the exemption is:

33 Commercial interests

Information is qualified exempt information if –

- (a) it constitutes a trade secret; or
- (b) its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of a person (including the scheduled public authority holding the information).

Article 33 is a Qualified Exemption and therefore is subject to a Public Interest Test. As the proposed relocation of the Sea Cadets Unit is an ongoing project with a third party involved we consider that its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the scheduled public authority and third party developer. Therefore we consider it would not be in the public interest to release this information at this time and this exemption should be maintained.

Regarding your request for details of the position of officials, it has been decided to not provide this information due to the exemption: Article 25 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011, as details of positions could lead to revealing the personal details of the officers involved. Article 25 is an absolute exemption:

25 Personal information

- (1) Information is absolutely exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject as defined in the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005.
- (2) Information is absolutely exempt information if –
 - (a) it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject as defined in the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005; and
 - (b) its supply to a member of the public would contravene any of the data protection principles, as defined in that Law.