



**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER**

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

RESPONSES BY
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Minister of National Security

TO QUESTIONS TABLED BY
The Hon. Derrick V. Burgess JP, MP

Friday, 14th February, 2020

Question 1: Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House a complete list of every trip paid out of the Consolidated Fund that has been taken by the Commissioner of Police from January 1st 2019 through December 31st 2019; including ground transportation, hotel accommodation, meals and any other costs associated with the Commissioner's travel?

Response:

It is firstly important to note that all travel undertaken by the Commissioner of Police is firstly approved by His Excellency the Governor and recorded in writing.

The following 8 overseas travel was undertaken in the period specified.

1. 7th February 2019 to the United Kingdom for various business engagements including the National Crime Agency, UK police force leads and conducting interviews for the anti-corruption lead to the BPS. The result of this has led to the new BPS Professional Standards structure and is accelerating the national position for Bermuda in advance of the forthcoming inspection by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
2. 7th May 2019 to Miami for business meetings with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The result of this visit is leading towards the establishment of the BPS as the Regional (overseas Territory) Training Centre for police training with funding from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
3. 20th May 2019 to Grand Cayman for the Association of Caribbean Commissioners Conference (ACCP). This visit allowed the Commissioner to identify and bring back best practice from the Caribbean in regards to current police challenges and responses.
4. 8th August to United Kingdom for various business engagements to facilitate additional investigative support to the BPS as well as a new health program for the service. The result of this travel also has assisted a sensitive investigation in Bermuda. Additionally, it has allowed, at no cost, the introduction of a new well-being programme (Oscar Kilo) for the BPS to use.
5. 1st October 2019 to Miami for meetings with FBI. This travel was in relation to a sensitive police investigation.
6. 22nd October 2019 to Chicago for the International Police Chiefs Conference. As per the ACCP Conference, attendance allowed identification of international best practice in policing for Bermuda, additionally to network support, at no cost, to assist the BPS in its investigative activities.

7. 12th November 2019 to Miami for the US / Caribbean Security Conference, SOUTHCOM. This travel has led to support and influence Bermuda's current Maritime strategy as well as the Coastguard facility through attendance with Commander Marcus Jacques, Royal Navy.
8. 13th December 2019 to the United Kingdom for meetings with the National Crime Agency, Lancashire Police and Greater Manchester Police. This travel has established a collaboration with Greater Manchester Police to support our ability to tackle gun related violence, with the provision of no cost training to Bermuda and technical equipment.

The total cost for the above travel was \$9,002.

Question 2: Will the Honorable Minister please provide to this Honourable House a complete list of benefits, other than salary, received annually by the Commissioner of Police; such as children's school fees, housing, clothing, travel and gasoline allowance?

Response:

1. It is noted that the Commissioner travels in economy and many hotel costs are either provided by receiving partners, or booked at low rates; and on UK visits the Commissioner secures no cost accommodation through professional and / or personal contacts. Therefore, the above trip numbers 1,4 and 8 did not result in any accommodation spend.
2. Hotel costs for other visits totaled: \$4,664.94
3. Ground transportation costs (hire car, train, taxis etc.) totaled: \$2,854.30

4. Subsistence (refreshment etc. solely for the Commissioner) totaled: \$3,254.31. This is based on a BPS allowance of \$65 per day and does not include or allow provision of alcoholic beverages.
5. The Commissioner receives no remuneration for children's school fees.
6. The Commissioner receives an allowance of \$1,800 per calendar month towards housing as part of his Government contract.
7. The Commissioner does not receive any clothing allowance and wears allocated BPS uniform to perform his duties.
8. The Commissioner has access to a fueled vehicle to undertake his duties which extends across 7 days and is contactable 24 hours a day and often returns to duty at unsociable hours.