

24 May 2022

Request

Following the sending of Christmas cards in December 2021 and Liberation Day cards in May 2022 from the Constable of St Helier to some parishioners -

- 1) Were these cards printed and posted at Parish expense or paid for personally by the Constable?
- 2) If paid for at Parish expense what was (a) the cost of printing and (b) the cost of postage. Were any other costs involved and, if so, what were they? How many cards were sent and what criteria were used to decide who would receive a card?
- 3) Was the fact that an election is being held in June 2022 taken into account when deciding to send the cards in view of the fact no such cards have been sent in previous years.

Response

1) The cost of printing and posting of these cards was met by the Parish.

2)

- a) The cost of printing the cards is approximately 82 pence per card.
- b) Cards were posted via Jersey Post using standard postage (56 pence for local postage at 2022 rates).
- c) There were no other costs incurred.
- d) Approximately 400-500 cards were sent on each occasion.
- e) Cards were sent to parishioners who have a connection with the occupation and liberation, who have previously been able to attend liberation, Christmas and other parish events, members of the municipality, and others with a connection to the Parish and its liberation events, Christmas celebrations and other events and commemorations.
- 3) The June 2022 election was not a factor in deciding to send any of these cards. The regular sending of cards of this nature began in 2020 as part of the Parish's response to the pandemic as many parishioners, helpers, and members of our community who usually attend and support parish events became unable to do so.

