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Subject:	Her Majesty Queen Camilla Visit

Question:

- 1. What was the total financial cost to Douglas Council of Queen Camilla's visit and please provide a breakdown of the costs incurred?**
- 2. Where did the money allocated to organising the visit come from? e.g rates**
- 3. How much money was allocated and spent on officer's time organising the event?**
- 3. What financial support was given from the Isle of Man Government? Please breakdown the amount and from which department.**
- 4. Please provide the communication (emails) between the Chief Executive and the Council Leader regarding the decision to close the city hall/town hall for four days during the week of the queen's visit.**
- 5. How much did the plaque cost the council to purchase and engrave and from where was it sourced?**

Response:

1. The total financial costs to Douglas Council in relation to the Her Majesty Queen Camilla's visit to Douglas City Council was £4942.60. Please find below a breakdown of the costs.

Posy for presentation to HM the Queen	Approximately £100
Lapel Pin for HM the King	(in stock, cost price £7.70)
Cufflinks for HM the King	(in stock, cost price £15.40)
Plaque for presentation to HM the Queen	£194.76
Postage for invitations	£34
City Hall Plaque*	£714 (including delivery)
Easel for City Hall plaque*	£534.74
Letters Patent display case*	£390
Union Jack flags for display outside City Hall*	£100
Union Jack flags for distribution to the crowds outside the City Hall	£122

Ellan Vannin Pipes and Drums	£120
Videographer	£1250
Photographers	£500 (approximate)
Minibus transport for City Hall staff to the event	£290
Pillow for HM the Queen's seat	£35
Douglas Town Band	£400 (as part of retainer agreement)
Umbrellas*	£135

*purchased for the event, but will remain in stock for future use.

Various tasks were carried out both in the City Centre and within the City Hall that would have been performed regardless of the event, albeit possibly at different times. Consequently, there were no extra expenses incurred. All duties were completed within regular working hours, eliminating the need for overtime costs.

2. All costs associated with organising the event were accommodated from existing budgets.

3. No financial support was received from the Isle of Man Government.

4. The closure of the City Hall was a security request from Buckingham Palace. E-mails and correspondence in relation to the matter are exempt from disclosure under Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act, communication with the Crown. This exemption is an absolute exemption which means the Council does not have to consider whether disclosure of the information would be in the public interest. Although the City Hall was closed for security reasons, please note that all services provided by the Council operated as normal, and all employees continued to work from different locations or remotely. The City Hall was closed from Monday, 18th March to Wednesday, 20th March, 2024.

5. As listed in response 1, the cost of the plaque presented to Her Majesty Queen Camilla totalled £194.76 and was sourced from the local company Manx Rockcraft and Celtic Engravings.