

### **Costing of “Careers Fair 2006”**

The Saint Helena Audit Service has today released its independent estimation of the cost to Saint Helena Government involved in providing the “Careers Fair 2006”.

The estimated full cost was £10,700.

No assessment has been made of the benefits arising from the event and the report acknowledges that these are wide ranging and, whilst problematic to quantify, likely to considerably exceed the cost incurred.

The review was undertaken following requests from a Councillor and members of the public, and was added to the Audit Service's ongoing programme of planned reviews, as a ‘fast-track’ assignment. This is a new style of assignment that has been introduced to give prompt and independent assurance and opinion on areas of public concern relating to areas of economy, efficiency or effectiveness within Government operations.

The full report is available for download at [www.audit.gov.sh](http://www.audit.gov.sh) and a copy has also been placed for reference in the Public Library, Jamestown.

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#### **Background information for editors:**

1) All Value For Money audit reports undertaken by the Saint Helena Audit Service in the public interest, are now issued into the public domain as soon as the final report is concluded. This has been the case since February 2006 and follows our recognition that the public should be a primary audience for all of our Value For Money activities and conclusions.

2) A guide to Value For Money auditing can be downloaded from the publications page at [www.audit.gov.sh](http://www.audit.gov.sh)

3) Any member of the public can put forward ideas and suggestions for future areas to be covered by VFM reviews simply by contacting the Audit Service and speaking to either Helena Bennett (VFM Auditor) or Andy Bonner (Acting VFM Manager).

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