

Cost of Policing Queen Camilla's visit to the Isle of Man



Entitled but unwelcome?

Camilla, Queen of England, visited the Isle of Man on 20th March 2024.

She arrived on the Island late morning and departed mid-afternoon, being on the Isle of Man for only approximately 3 hours before flying out to Northern Ireland. The purpose of this briefest of official visits was to graciously unveil a plaque conferring *City status* on the Island's capital Douglas.

On 28th March 2024 we submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Isle of Man Constabulary in relation to Police costs associated with such Royal visit.

The Isle of Man Constabulary responded by way of an FOI reply dated 31st May 2024.

In such reply the Constabulary stated that the Queen's visit involved an enormous 1,300 IOM Police man/woman hours and a total of 115 IOM Constabulary staff plus 50 mutual aid (UK) Police Officers.

The estimated cost to the Manx taxpayer is an eye-watering **£102,000.00**.

This six figure sum is only in relation to overtime and additional duties but excludes the cost of officers involved as part of their normal rostered shifts. If the cost of such salaried work shifts is added on, the overall Policing cost of this Regal visit is likely to be at least double the £102,000.00 overtime and additional duties cost.

No doubt there were some folk who were happy to bow and curtsy and tug their forelocks in gratitude for Her Majesty's generous daytrip to her humble Manx subjects.

To many others, however, £102,000.00 is nothing less than an obscene and disgraceful waste of taxpayers' money on what must be the most expensive plaque unveiling ceremony in Manx history.

Rather than squandering a six figure sum on a mollycoddled aristocrat and the embodiment of an illegitimate, elitist and parasitic institution, how could £102K be better spent?

What about clearing overgrown weeds from the footpaths in Douglas or helping the less privileged and those struggling with an acute cost of living crisis by making a significant donation to the *Food Bank*?



Which is more troublesome, pavement Knotweed or the Royal Family?

Please see link to IOM Constabulary response dated 31st May 2024 below.

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