



*Government of Bermuda*

**Ministry of National Security**

**Parliamentary Questions**

Responses by  
**The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley JP MP**  
Premier & Minister of National Security

To questions tabled by  
**Mr. Walter H. Roban JP MP**  
Shadow Minister for National Security

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**Q1.** Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House why the Somerset Brigade Band, The Bermuda Islands Pipe Band, and the North Village Band not invited to participate in the Massed Bands in the Bermuda Tattoo 2015?

**A1.** Speaker's ruling refers.

**Q2.** Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House why a non Bermudian Drum Major was used over a Bermudian Drum major on the Thursday and Friday evening performances as the main Drum Major for the Tattoo?

**2A.** Speaker's ruling refers.

**Q3.** Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what was the total cost of hosting every overseas performers in the Tattoo, including accommodation, meals, transportation to and from the venue, and the return airline tickets?

3A.

- Return Airline Tickets: \$159,236
- Transportation to and from the Venue: \$14,713
- Accommodation: \$46,375
- Meals: \$64,579

**Total: \$284,903.00**

**TO NOTE**

*The Royal Bermuda Regiment 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (BR50 Committee) was established by, and operates under, the Bermuda Regiment Charitable Trust (BRCT). The BRCT received Bermuda Government funding of \$250,000 in 2013/14 and \$250,000 in 2014/15 with the funds' use restricted by the BRCT to Royal Bermuda Regiment 50th Anniversary Events, which included the Bermuda Tattoo.*

*In addition to Government's \$500,000, the BRCT raised additional funding as follows:*

<i>Corporate and Foundation Sponsorship</i>	<i>\$378,624</i>
<i>Private Patronage</i>	<i>\$ 40,875</i>
<i>Ticket and Souvenir Sales</i>	<i><u>\$258,556</u></i>
<i>Total Additional Funding</i>	<i><u>\$678,055</u></i>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b><u>\$1,178,055</u></b>