WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER NORTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 25th MARCH 2024

Question

"Further to the response to Written Question 24/2024, will the Minister explain why some businesses and apprentices received no subsidy for their apprenticeship?"

Answer

WQ24 refers to the apprenticeship funding provided by Trackers, which is in place to provide a subsidy for apprenticeships. This response refers to this apprenticeship funding.

The criteria for the Trackers subsidy is:

- You must have 5 years residency to be able to qualify
- You must be employed in the area of your apprenticeship
- You and your employer must be willing to engage with the Trackers mentor

Some employers / apprentices do not wish to apply for this subsidy or do not meet the criteria to receive the subsidy and therefore do not apply.

When reviewed at the start of 2024 budget year, 14 applicants who met the criteria were identified as having applied after the option for funding was removed and have expressed an interest to apply for funding this year.