

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister detail the process undertaken by his Department to plan the number of Government school places available for children in the Island, and advise when this process was last reviewed?”

Answer

The CYPES Informatics team collect a termly “census” of all pupils in Jersey in order to monitor trends in pupil numbers. The team also complete an annual demand forecasting exercise incorporating current pupil numbers, annual births and migration data, as well as considering population projections produced by Statistics Jersey. The whole cohort predictions are then used to forecast demand for specific cohorts, such as non-fee paying government schools, or town primary schools.

The process was reviewed this year, with the most recent forecast produced in June 2024 which will be used for future estate planning.