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Deputy Robert Ward
Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

BY EMAIL

13th December 2024

Dear Minister

Follow-up matters from the Public Hearing on 6th December 2024

Thank you for attending the public hearing last week, together with the Assistant Minister and your Officers, your time is much appreciated. During the hearing commitments were provided to follow up with:

- Further details about the work underway to review compensation and professional development for nursery staff regarding the Early Years Plan;
- Further details about future changes regarding Education Grants and Allowances (Jersey) Order;
- Confirmation of the number of children in Jersey who have a Record of Need;
- An update about developments relating to the Educational Psychology Service;
- Arrangements for a briefing about distance learning (once work is completed);
- Further details about future changes to Jersey's Education Law;
- An update for the Minister on discussions with HCS on prescriptions in relation to EpiPens; and
- Confirmation of the number for school fixed-term exclusions and how these compares to past years.

As we came to the end of the time allocated for the hearing you agreed to respond to the Panel's additional queries in writing, and I set these out below, for your attention:

1. Minister, how do you plan to ensure that all CYPES policies relating to education are aligned with current best practices and legal standards?
2. Statistics Jersey recently reported significant increases in CYPES core jobs. Can you confirm how many of these relate to education?
3. Is there a long-term restructuring plan for CYPES that addresses the continuity of leadership and service provision? Could you share any details on this?

Thank you in advance for your assistance. The Panel looks forward to your formal response and would request that this is received by Friday 20th December 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Curtis', written in a cursive style.

Deputy Catherine Curtis
Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel