WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 30th JANUARY 2023 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2023

Question

"Will the Minster provide details of the number of current teaching vacancies across the Island's schools?"

Answer

The answer provided is for government provided schools only with data as at 30^{th} January 2023. We do not hold data for non-provided schools.

There are 6 current teaching vacancies in primary schools and 13 current teaching vacancies in secondary schools.

To ensure continuity of education, all classes have teachers covering these vacancies through redeployment of existing workforce in schools and use of local and UK supply teachers (11).

We anticipate a further 3 teacher vacancies in primary schools over the next two months and 8 beyond two months. We anticipate a further 1 teacher vacancy in secondary schools over the next two months and 17 beyond two months.

These figures represent vacancies against our base staffing to the end of 2022. With additional funding approved in the Government Plan 23-26 Head Teachers are planning how best to invest that funding to reflect the needs of their school. This will result in new vacancies being created in 2023 many of which support the objective to strengthen inclusion in our education system.

We continue to focus on strengthening our recruitment capability through use of social media and marketing (https://education.careers.gov.je/), targeted campaigns, enhanced candidate management and workforce planning.