

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION  
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Question**

Will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many families with students currently in their second or third year of university will see their tuition fee award for the 2018-2019 academic year reduced to reflect the value of the tax relief received through the Higher Child Allowance (HCA);
- (b) what the cost would be of not making these reductions; and
- (c) what plans, if any, there are to address the issue of HCA adjustments for tuition fee awards in the 2019-2020 academic year?

**Answer**

The department is still processing applications for student finance for the 2018/19 academic year and, therefore, the figures are changing on a daily basis. There are in the region of 170 applications still to be processed, however the following details can be provided in relation to applications processed to date:

- a) We are aware of 581 families to date which have had their tuition fee award for the 2018/19 academic year reduced to reflect the value of the tax relief received through HCA claimed for the 2017 year of assessment.
- b) The cost of not making this adjustment for the applications processed to date would be £1.15m.
- c) The adjustment for the HCA is part of the approved proposition, and therefore we would need to continue to apply this adjustment for the 2019 – 2020 academic year by reference to the benefit of HCA received in the 2018 year of assessment income tax liability. However, the department is taking steps to ensure that there is further publicity of the reduction in the fee award for the HCA adjustment.