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8 Deputy R.J. Ward of Minister for Children and Education regarding the Jersey Graduate Teacher Training Programme (OQ.80/2023)

Will the Minister advise the current completion rate of the J.T.T. (Jersey Teacher Training) Programme and also the retention rate, up to 2 years from completion?

Connétable R.P. Vibert of St. Peter (Assistant Minister for Children and Education - rapporteur):

In the absence of the Minister, I will answer the question. The Jersey Graduate Teacher Training Programme was launched in 2004 and has been a regular annual programme since 2011. Teachers who complete the Jersey Graduate Teacher Training Programme must also complete the E.C.T. (Early Career Teacher) induction, previously known as the N.Q.T. (Newly Qualified Teachers). In order to confirm the qualified teacher status, at this point they are fully qualified. Between 2018 and 2022, 40 trainees have started the Jersey Graduate Teacher Training Programme. Two withdrew during the course of their training. Of the remaining 38, there was a 100 per cent pass rate and 95 per cent are currently teaching in Jersey schools, according to analysis in 2022. The retention rate across the programme as a whole remains very high, with 74 per cent of all locally-trained teachers since 2004 still teaching in government schools this academic year. There may be some teaching in local non-provided schools that we are not aware of. This year we started the Teacher Training Programme with 24 trainees. Two withdrew and the remaining 22 will receive their final assessment at the end of this summer term. Looking specifically at 2022, we had 4 people on the training scheme. There is a 100 per cent pass rate and all are currently working in Jersey schools. In 2021, there were 11 trainees. Again, a 100 per cent pass rate and 10 are still currently working in Jersey schools. In 2020, there were 8 trainees. One withdrew mid-year. There was 100 per cent pass rate among the remainder and all are currently working in Jersey schools.

4.8.1 Deputy R.J. Ward:

I thank the Minister for that long answer. There is a huge amount of support required in the classroom from members of staff who are already working, what happens if the level of support required for an effective training is not available? Can the Minister assure us that this level of training and support is always available?

The Connétable of St. Peter:

While I do not have any specific details, I am not aware that the specific resources are not available. The high pass rate confirms that people get the required training. The support for the resources is something that I would have to ask officers to provide further information on. I can do that, if you require that.

4.8.2 Deputy S.Y. Mézec:

Could the Assistant Minister confirm whether the department is aware of any increase in demand for that support from other staff members, given the large numbers of those going through teacher training?

The Connétable of St. Peter:

I am certainly not aware of that, but again if there is further specific information required I will ask officers to provide that to you.

4.8.3 Deputy R.J. Ward:

The Minister mentioned the Early Career Teacher year to complete the training. When J.T.T.P. (Jersey Teacher Training Programme) students complete the course are they offered permanent contracts or are they offered a one-year contract to complete the early career training?

The Connétable of St. Peter:

Unfortunately, that is not information I have with me, but again I will ask for that to be provided.