

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014**

Question

Given that Jersey Property Holdings do not train Education, Sport and Culture staff in relation to the management of asbestos, can the Minister say what ESC have done to train their employees?

Can the Minister confirm that all Head Teachers, teachers and support staff in a school know where asbestos is located and the risk it poses if disturbed?

Answer

The prime responsibility for asbestos management, monitoring and removal rests with Jersey Property Holdings as the 'landlord' department, and therefore ESC staff are not generally required to undergo the same level of technical training. However, we take this very seriously. Site managers will have completed the appropriate health and safety management training, which includes the management of asbestos. In addition, Jersey Property Holdings has visited every school and implemented site specific Asbestos Management Plans which specify roles, responsibilities and emergency plans in relation to the substance.

Those ESC staff who have operational responsibility for the management of ESC premises have been informed of the presence of asbestos where this exists, and are aware of the risks it poses if disturbed. Details of the presence and location of asbestos are maintained in the site log books to which these staff and approved contractors have access.

As advised by the Treasury and Resources Minister in his answer to Deputy Hilton of 18th March 2014 (Question 1240/5(8187)), it is worth noting out that all asbestos that remains in situ in primary and secondary schools is in good condition and in areas where it cannot be disturbed unless major destructive works were to take place, in which case appropriate removal procedures would be arranged.