WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2019

Question

Will the Minister, in respect of the pupil premium funding in schools –

- (a) provide the level of pupil premium funding per student for primary and secondary schools for 2019:
- (b) advise whether this will be fully funded as additional money to schools' formally allocated budgets;
- (c) advise whether post-16 institutions will continue to have access to pupil premium funding for their students; and
- (d) advise whether her department monitors whether the impact of pupil premium funding is felt beyond that which would arise from increasing general school budgets by similar amounts and, if so, how?

Answer

(a) Jersey Premium per pupil rates 2019:

Primary £980

Secondary £625

Looked After Children £2,000

- (b) Yes, this funding is in addition to the school budget allocation.
- (c) Jersey Premium funding is not available for students in years 12 and 13.
- (d) Jersey Premium is targeted funding which has been introduced to help all children get the very best from their education, regardless of their socio-economic background or barriers to learning. The Department works with schools to support them in rigorously evaluating the impact of their use of Jersey Premium funding to benefit pupils, whilst also ensuring value for money.

The end of the 2018/19 academic year in July 2019 is only the second full year of Jersey Premium funding and its impact and effectiveness will be further assessed and reviewed, alongside all other elements of school budgets, to inform The Government Plan 2020 - 2023, in accordance with our Common Strategic Policy commitments.

Details of the current monitoring requirements are in the Jersey Premium Policy.

https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/P%20Jersey%20Premium%20Policy%2020180711%20JP.pdf