

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2007

Question

Will the Minister inform members of the numbers of 16-19 year olds taken on to apprenticeship schemes, both States-supported and other, over the past five years and will he account for any changes over this period?

Answer

The Jersey Apprenticeship Scheme (JAS) originated in 1997 and was previously managed by the Training and Employment Partnership. In 2001 the scheme was adjusted to reflect changes in working and training practices and it has remained unchanged since then. The scheme offers advice and financial support for approved employers who are committed to providing both on and off the job training to apprentices. The JAS offers opportunities across all the traditional building trades, marine engineering, welding and hairdressing.

Over the past five years 434 apprentices have enrolled in the Jersey Apprenticeship Scheme of which 346 have been aged between 16-19 years. A breakdown of individual years 2002-06 is shown in the table below

Apprentices enrolled on JAS in 2002

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| 16-19s | 19+ | Total No |
| 58 | 23 | 81 |

Apprentices enrolled on JAS in 2003

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| 16-19s | 19+ | Total No |
| 49 | 10 | 59 |

Apprentices enrolled on JAS in 2004

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| 16-19s | 19+ | Total No |
| 78 | 12 | 90 |

Apprentices enrolled on JAS in 2005

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| 16-19s | 19+ | Total No |
| 81 | 20 | 101 |

Apprentices enrolled on JAS in 2006

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|---------------|-----|----------|
| 16-19s | 19+ | Total No |
| 80 | 23 | 103 |

In addition to the Jersey Apprenticeship Scheme Economic Development, in partnership with Health and Social Services, introduced a Cadet Nursing Scheme in 2006 and enrolled the first 16 trainee nurses in January 2007. The Scheme provides a two year apprenticeship for 16-19 year olds, who on successful completion are guaranteed employment with Health and Social Services and provided with further training and development opportunities.

Whilst we are aware that non-States funded, private apprenticeships do take place on the Island, we are unable to comment on the amount as there is no data collected and/or held for this.