

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 28th JUNE 2021**

**Question**

Further to Written Question 282/2021, will the Minister state –

- (a) the costs per copy of all photocopying in each school for each year between 2016 and 2020;
- (b) the number of copies produced by each school for each year between 2016 and 2020;
- (c) the reasons behind the reduction in photocopying expenditure for D’Hautrée House School (Special Needs) from £2,115 in 2019 to £3 in 2020 and the impact, if any, of this reduction in copying on the provision for the children concerned; and
- (d) how the deficits incurred by the secondary schools between 2016 and 2020 have been financed, and what measures, if any, are being taken to ensure that they have sufficient funds to avoid similar deficits occurring in the future?

**Answer**

- (a) As previously advised in the response to question WQ.199/2019 the cost per copy is commercially confidential information and will not be released. This protects the supplier’s confidential information and the governments commercial position whilst the procurement strategy for printing is developed.
- (b) The number of copies printed by each school are included in Table 1. It should be noted that this includes an aggregate of all size paper types, mono and colour copies that have been printed from 12 different types of device (e.g. desktop to multi-functional device), which each have a differing costs per copy. Any attempt to determine a cost per copy by comparing the expenditure released in WQ.282/2021 will not be successful, as the result will be inaccurate.
- (c) Due to how managed print devices are recorded in the monitoring software the previous answer to WQ 282/2021 stated:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
D’Hautree House School (Special Needs)	£3,702	£2,326	£1,779	£2,115	£3
La Sente KS 2-3				£132	£1,431

In reality, the figures for D’Hautree House and La Sente KS 2-3 all relate to the same provision so should be totalled as below:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
La Sente	£3,702	£2,326	£1,779	£2,247	£1,434

The reduction in total costs for La Sente from £2,247 in 2019 to £1,434 in 2020 is in line with many other schools who have also experienced a significant reduction due to the pandemic. There has been no impact on the provision for the children at La Sente.

- (d) Overspends and underspends offset each other across all services provided by CYPES. The net deficit has required additional funding from outside the Department's budget.

From 2016 to 2019 net departmental underspends were returned to Central Reserves and CYPES overspends were addressed from Central Reserves. Please see as an example the year end report from 2019 approved via Ministerial Decision MD-TR20-011.

In 2020, the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic made it difficult to mobilise to the growth programme agreed in Government Plan 2020 to 2023. Underspends on growth met the majority of the spending pressures, supplemented by an additional allocation of £1.1m from the covid emergency funds to address the additional operational spending on covid measures.

Measures taken to ensure that secondary schools have sufficient funds to avoid similar deficits occurring in the future include:

Additional funding of £7.9 million was made available in Government Plan 2021 to address the recommendations of the Independent School Funding Review including funding the historical underlying deficit up to the end of 2020.

An Education Reform Project is now in train to review the fair distribution of these funds in line with the objectives of the review and to understand the demand driven future costs of the service as the numbers of pupils in secondary schools continue to rise and the numbers of children with special needs across all age groups continue to increase.

The Education Reform Project includes a workstream on Inclusion which is well advanced. This will result in a better understanding of the future budgets required to sustain a consistent and comprehensive education to all ages and needs of children. The recommendations will be pursued through the Government Plan process as well as through re-calibrating existing resources to maximum effect.

Every effort is being made to operate within agreed budgets in-year. In addition to the regular monthly discussions and reviews, a project is in train with the 10 most overspending schools to explore available actions to remain within budget and agree their plans to returning to a balanced position with the Director of Education.

**Table 1**

<i>A4 equivalent sheets</i>	Total 2016	Total 2017	Total 2018	Total 2019	Total 2020
Bel Royal Primary School	238,265	247,860	228,509	228,515	216,828
D'Hautree House School (Special Needs)	42,076	53,851	41,590	47,294	59
D'Auvergne Primary School	356,776	407,391	395,068	461,895	436,387
First Tower Primary School	94,406	157,020	229,146	279,603	225,492
Grainville School	1,166,104	1,268,909	1,349,281	1,405,117	1,068,594
Grands Vaux Primary School	223,982	245,082	234,406	240,804	158,188
Greenfields, Alternative Curriculum	48,253	50,343	27,065	34,239	33,699
Grouville Primary School	280,059	309,288	328,350	287,739	210,875
Haute Vallee School	784,369	845,261	972,463	1,166,256	597,834
Hautlieu School	1,685,214	1,623,022	1,602,293	1,310,356	1,003,756
Janvrin Primary School	295,227	331,087	337,074	251,576	289,329
Jersey College for Girls	1,811,605	1,789,938	1,698,717	1,485,157	957,666
Jersey College for Girls Preparatory School	424,290	338,732	319,573	328,696	240,881
La Moye School	239,287	361,260	333,196	376,724	269,986
La Sente	0	0	0	2,744	35,980
Le Rocquier School	1,519,390	1,580,406	1,672,345	1,775,918	1,668,525
Les Landes Primary School	162,065	184,126	159,551	167,474	132,705
Les Quennevais Secondary	1,405,557	1,649,138	1,632,559	931,262	1,156,460
Mont a L'Abbe Special Needs School	164,479	175,428	168,502	209,387	188,267
Mont Nicolle School	284,211	283,620	279,606	248,370	188,726
Plat Douet Primary School	364,644	421,925	408,244	298,801	261,689
Rouge Bouillon Primary School	422,362	397,061	397,579	381,540	311,510
Samares Primary School	319,654	348,082	303,545	270,031	198,006
Springfield Primary School	242,117	234,861	244,196	244,233	188,828
St Clements Primary School	232,478	224,212	214,641	195,893	159,743
St Johns Primary School	163,699	177,188	152,232	150,685	129,796
St Lawrence Primary School	169,390	189,029	213,374	203,376	129,219
St Luke's School	184,498	142,780	148,388	134,210	108,327
St Martin's Primary School	235,647	180,970	204,993	201,240	151,149
St Mary's Primary School	201,094	231,760	203,922	212,216	147,338
St Peter's Primary School	197,274	199,709	183,644	173,766	160,162
St Saviours School	222,993	197,222	199,671	207,919	139,762
Trinity Primary School	189,456	184,310	159,954	134,015	109,391
Victoria College	1,515,640	1,517,792	1,559,039	1,568,714	993,096
Victoria College Preparatory School	329,887	342,869	309,081	276,722	163,995