WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2011

Question

Can the Minister inform members of the teacher/pupil ratio, with and without teaching assistants, in primary and secondary schools in Jersey, in fee-paying and in non-fee-paying sectors, and give members information on the trends in this ratio over the last 10 years?

Answer

Within their overall budget, each school has some freedom to determine how many teachers, teaching assistants and other staff they employ. This could mean that one school may decide to employ only teachers while another with a similar budget might choose to use some teaching assistants as well in order to meet the needs of all pupils in their care.

Until 2008 this data was not kept centrally or in an easily accessible form. The ratios for 2010, 2009 and 2008 are available and are as follows:

	2010	2010	2009	2009	2008	2008
C -11	Pupil/teacher	Pupil/Adult	Pupil/teacher	Pupil/Adult	Pupil/teacher	Pupil/Adult
School	ratio	ratio	ratio	ratio	ratio	ratio
Bel Royal	19.11	15.87	18.33	15.92	19.28	17.14
d'Auvergne	20.58	17.06	18.63	15.19	16.12	13.14
First Tower	20.80	17.24	21.40	17.09	21.04	17.88
Grands Vaux	17.21	12.90	15.79	11.52	20.44	14.89
Grouville	21.94	17.99	22.56	18.46	23.60	19.09
Janvrin	20.69	15.52	20.37	14.96	20.93	16.50
La Moye	19.40	16.03	19.54	15.94	20.57	16.77
Les Landes	19.39	14.93	18.26	13.71	17.08	13.43
Mont Nicolle	19.49	15.31	19.79	16.41	19.79	15.84
Plat Douet	20.00	14.98	16.00	12.63	18.82	14.32
Rouge Bouillon	18.98	15.75	18.54	15.51	19.96	16.35
Samares	17.67	13.72	17.62	13.33	18.55	14.30
Springfield	19.89	14.91	19.56	14.21	19.44	14.13
St Clement	19.62	16.05	18.11	14.07	18.45	15.37
St John	19.29	15.11	17.84	14.39	19.24	15.19
St Lawrence	19.42	16.20	19.65	16.40	17.92	15.22
St Luke	18.28	14.41	18.82	14.83	18.82	14.59
St Martin	22.75	17.67	22.38	17.38	22.00	16.23
St Mary	17.05	12.35	17.05	12.43	17.29	13.54
St Peter	19.77	15.64	19.20	15.01	17.40	12.82
St Saviour	18.19	15.37	16.13	13.87	17.60	15.25
Trinity	18.16	14.95	15.46	12.81	17.47	14.17
Grainville	13.88	10.22	13.23	9.71	12.66	9.46
Haute Vallee	14.55	11.49	15.22	11.99	15.06	11.60
Le Rocquier	15.52	12.33	15.33	11.96	15.66	12.41
Les Quennevais	14.52	12.37	13.94	11.76	14.10	11.80
Hautlieu	12.60	11.16	12.52	11.11	12.62	11.16
JCG Prep	16.97	14.99	17.72	15.57	16.94	14.96
VC Prep	16.80	15.10	17.05	15.39	16.01	14.21
JCG	12.57	11.29	12.04	11.00	11.95	10.64
Victoria College	13.83	12.19	13.41	11.90	13.36	11.83

Pupil teacher ratios include the head teacher, deputy heads and special educational needs teachers

Pupil adult ratios include all teachers, technicians, library assistants and all TAs, but exclude caretakers, lunchtime assistants, office staff and cleaners.

ESC is not responsible for staffing in the private sector.

School nurseries are not included because this is not a statutory provision.

Prior to 2008, the trends are unlikely to have changed significantly however since 2008 the ratios show a small increase due to the need to increase class sizes in key stage 1.

In addition to the above ratios, the schools with units that accommodate children with social, educational, behavioural difficulties have the following additional staffing.

The ratios can vary in these units because the number of children in the unit can fluctuate quite widely and the service has to respond to the individual needs presented.

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SEBD Provision	Teachers	TAs
CD - Grainville	1.0	6.84
CD - Haute Vallee	1.0	2.38
CD - Rouge Bouillon		9.61
CD - St Saviour		4.08
HI - St Clement		4.55
HI - Le Rocquier		1.34
PI - Bel Royal		3.65
PI - Les Quennevais		2.67
SL - Rouge Bouillon	2.0	2.74