

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2020**

**Question**

Further to reports that full-time foster carers will be paid a salary of £40,000, will the Minister outline how this figure was determined?

**Answer**

A bid was made in the 2020-2023 SoJ Government Plan to implement an Intensive Fostering Service in Jersey. The service will be established in 2020 to ensure that children with a range of complex or challenging needs can be retained in their local community when that is considered to be in their best interest. The establishment of this service builds on evidence of the importance and effectiveness of family placements in supporting positive outcomes for looked after children.

**Carers Fees**

Carers will be paid the average salary in Jersey £40,000 per annum. This is in line with the salary paid to Residential Child Care Officers who care for children in residential homes.

Where a foster carer has two placements the salary will increase to £60,000. It is anticipated over the first four years of the service the number of carers will grow to 10.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
3 carers for 6 months	60,000			
4 carers (3 for 12 months 1 for 9 months)		150,000		
8 carers (6 for 12 months, 2 six months)			280,000	
8 carers				320,000

**Allowances for children**

The allowances for children will be paid in line with existing allowances in the service.

Age Bands	Total
0-2 (JD5)	<b>£216.22</b>
3-4 (JD6)	<b>£221.35</b>
5-10 (JD2)	<b>£243.35</b>
11-15 (JD3)	<b>£301.96</b>
16+ (JD4)	<b>£355.29</b>
Working Children (JD4)	<b>£238.33</b>

Costs are calculated using an average of the three allowances for children aged 5-15 years ie £300. A yearly allowance is calculated on 56 weeks to allow for Christmas/festivals, birthday, holiday.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Allowances calculated at average of £300/week @ 56 weeks per annum	25,200	63,000	117,600	134,400