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Dear Deputy Maçon,

Student Finance Proposals

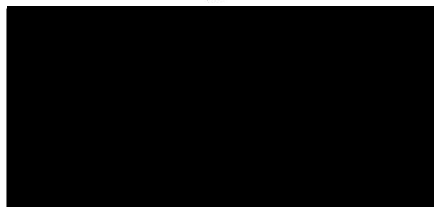
Thank you for your letter of 14th December 2017. I reply in my capacity as President of the Jersey Association of Head Teachers (JAHT).

The points that the JAHT should like to make in response to your request for feedback are:

- We welcome any ADDITIONAL funding to support funding in Further Education.
- Might it be appropriate to put a cap on the total / gross household income? It seems that those households accessing very high annual salaries (e.g. £250,000?) could be excluded from the proposal; in the current proposal, there is no top-limit to income. A cap at £250,000 might save further money from the very highest earners that could be reinvested to those on lower / middle incomes?
- What research has been undertaken to determine if any families will be worse-off as a result of the new proposal? What would happen if some families were in this position?
- Is the extra money additional to the Education Department Budget? i.e. We believe that any additional money should not affect current school budgets. Are you able to confirm that the proposed change is not funded from the Education Budget?
- In the longer-term, how might any significant increase in university fees impact on the Education Department and its current activities? Would any potential increase be under-written by the States central budget?

I do hope that you find these questions and points helpful. If we may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Sam Cooper