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5.15 Deputy J.M. Maçon of the Minister for Education regarding higher education funding proposals:

Given the undertaking of the Chief Minister to come forward with higher education funding proposals by the end of the first quarter of this year, can the Minister provide any indication of what these proposals will include and whether this timetable will be met?

Deputy R.G. Bryans (The Minister for Education):

Yes, I can. We are working on it as we speak. It is being drafted right now and it is on target to be presented to the States at the end of the first quarter as promised by the Chief Minister. It will be structured around 5 areas. Firstly, analysis of a loan scheme and affordability; secondly, proposals for a savings scheme; thirdly, a review of how the current £10 million higher education budget is spent; fourthly, further developments of Campus Jersey, the idea of increasing our offering within the Island and, fifthly, closer links with the universities in France and other European countries.

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5.15.1 Deputy J.M. Maçon:

Will that presentation include a hybrid model of a temporary student loan funding scheme to be then replaced with the savings scheme on top?

Deputy R.G. Bryans:

I would not look to pre-empt the conclusion of the report at this point in time. The report will be delivered as expressed on time before the end of the first quarter.