

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th JUNE 2010**

Question

“To help and assist the Comprehensive Spending Review, would the Minister provide an organisation chart of his department identifying every post, the post holder's duties and responsibilities, the salary grade and whether the post is currently filled or vacant?”

Answer

The Deputy's request for the detailed information listed above is similar to the question recently directed to the Chief Minister and the Ministers for Treasury and Resources, Social Security, Planning and Environment and Health and Social Services. As explained in previous responses to the Deputy, for this information to be provided on every post would take a massive amount of time to collate and present in a meaningful format. In Education, Sport and Culture we currently have over 1,500 FTE staff working across the service.

Far from attempting “to help and assist the Comprehensive Spending Review”, answering such a request would involve a vast amount of additional, time-consuming and unnecessary work, and would take attention away from the work of reviewing services provided by the department and understanding the implications of any proposed savings or transfers of functions.

Most of the information the Deputy is asking for is included in the Annex to the States Business Plan and the Department Business Plan for 2010 which is available to all States Members. In particular, I would like to draw the Deputy's attention to pages 40-42 of the Annex, which lists the number of FTE staff working in each of the ESC Department's main service areas, and which is summarised below –

• Pre-School Education	48.2	
• Primary Education (non fee-paying)	408.8	
• Secondary education (non fee-paying)	385.8	
• Fee-paying education (provided schools)	207.1	
• Special Educational Needs & Special Schools	147.0	
• Instrumental Music Service	13.2	
• Further, Vocational & Tertiary Education (incl. Highlands College)	156.7	
• Public Libraries	28.6	
• Youth Service	35.6	
• Higher Education (Student Finance)	2.8	
• Careers Jersey	12.9	
• Day Care Services	3.5	
• Culture	1.0	
• Sports Centres	71.2	
• Playing Fields and School Sports	8.4	
• Sports Development (incl. Exercise Referral)	15.3	
• Grants and Advisory Council	0.1	
• Playschemes and Outdoor Education	3.2	
• TOTAL	1549.4	

In line with standard practice for manpower reporting, management posts are included within the FTE totals for the service areas for which they are accountable.

I am therefore satisfied that the Department has all of the necessary information on which to undertake an informed analysis and identify opportunities to cut spending and make efficiencies as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review.