

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020**

Question

Further to the response that was circulated to Oral Question 36/2020, in which it was stated that “*nine Government-provided schools are supported by seven Governing Bodies*”, and given that only two of the schools listed were primary schools, will the Minister –

- (a) advise why other primary schools do not have Governing Bodies; and
- (b) whether the Governing Bodies of the schools that were listed communicate and share information with the Minister’s department and, if so, when and how they do so?

Answer

- (a) The EDUCATION (JERSEY) LAW 1999 does not require Governing Bodies for all schools. There has been no decision that the non-fee paying provided primary schools should not have a Governing Body.
- (b) Information from Governing Bodies is shared with the Minister’s department.

Each of the five Governing Bodies has a departmental senior adviser as member who attends the Governing Body general meetings, normally 1-2 per term. Governing Bodies can also have sub committees or groups such as ‘Safeguarding’ or ‘Standards’ who meet in between full Governing Body meetings and report back to them.