

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister state how long it currently takes to register Jersey-based teachers on to the cover staff list for Jersey schools; and will she explain how this process works?”

Answer

There is a clear policy in place to ensure safer recruitment practice is adhered to. Timescales vary according to the circumstances of the applicant.

The School Improvement and Advisory Service and People Services have been looking at ways to expedite the process and have recently implemented the following changes.

If a teacher currently working in a Government of Jersey school requests to join the supply list, they complete a simple form containing relevant information e.g. what subject they teach, age range and availability, a zero-hour contract can be issued by People Hub and they can start work.

If a Jersey teacher is returning to the Island, they must complete an application, provide proof of their qualified teacher status, contact details of two referees and obtain a Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check. Delays can happen if an applicant has been working abroad as different jurisdictions need to be contacted as part of an overseas police check. Please note, DBS timescales can vary and are not within our control.