

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2023**

Question

“Regarding the funding of all Jersey schools, will the Minister –

- (a) detail the percentage breakdown between private and Government funding at each school; and
- (b) provide her assessment of the extent to which private investment in education could affect educational equality and outcomes?”

Answer

- (a) The table below shows the percentage breakdown by school between government funding and the schools’ other income sources, split between school fees and all other sources. School fees are a type of fee for service. Government schools are not structured as businesses with private investors.

Category	School	2023 Full Year Budget/Income target		
		% private school fees	% other income (sales, hire, rentals, recharges)	% government
Fee Paying Provided Schools	Jersey College for Girls & Prep	68%	6%	26%
	Victoria College and Prep	71%	1%	28%
Fee Paying Provided Schools Total		69%	4%	27%
Primary Education	Bel Royal School	0%	0%	100%
	d’Auvergne School	0%	4%	96%
	First Tower School	0%	1%	99%
	Grands Vaux School	0%	0%	100%
	Grouville School	0%	1%	99%
	Janvrin School	0%	3%	97%
	La Moye School	0%	1%	99%
	Les Landes School	0%	1%	99%
	Mont Nicolle School	0%	0%	100%
	Plat Douet School	0%	1%	99%
	Rouge Bouillon School	0%	0%	100%
	Samares School	0%	2%	98%
	Springfield School	0%	4%	96%
	St Clement School	0%	1%	99%
	St John School	0%	1%	99%
	St Lawrence School	0%	1%	99%
	St Luke School	0%	1%	99%
St Martin School	0%	2%	98%	
St Mary School	0%	1%	99%	
St Peter School	0%	1%	99%	
St Saviour School	0%	1%	99%	
Trinity School	0%	1%	99%	
Primary Education Total		0%	1%	99%
Secondary Education	Grainville Secondary Sch	0%	0%	100%
	Haute Vallée School	0%	2%	98%
	Hautlieu School	0%	0%	100%
	Le Rocquier School	0%	0%	100%
	Les Quennevais School	0%	1%	99%
Secondary Education Total		0%	1%	99%
Schools Total		14%	2%	84%

Grant payments through Service Level Agreements have also been made to private schools in 2023. These total £4,459,837 and relate to De La Salle £1,857,798, Beaulieu £2,341,460 and FCJ £260,579.

- (b) The contribution of private monies to the costs of education, as it relates to Government fee-paying and grant funded schools, is principally through the payment of fees by parents. It results in a higher total budget than would be afforded the school if it were a fully provided school. Whilst increased funding levels and improved educational outcomes are not considered causative, there is a correlation between these two variables. It is also important to note many other variables affect outcomes e.g. academic selection, selection by gender and so on.

Circa 32% of children attend government provided and non-provided fee-paying schools in Jersey. Increased fees could potentially increase income, but there is a risk that they become unaffordable for some parents which would create transfers to non-fee-paying schools where government costs per child are higher.