

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2011**

Question

Would the Minister advise whether social workers are attached to schools and, if so, how many and to which schools? Are any cuts or expansions planned for this service and, if so, would he give details?

Answer

There are currently four HSSD social workers who are part of the Multi Agency Support Teams (MAST) that operate in the four States Secondary Schools. In addition to a social worker each MAST team also includes a school counsellor, an educational psychologist, an education welfare officer and pastoral support staff.

The MAST service is currently being reviewed by officers from Children's Service, the four secondary schools, Educational Psychology, the Youth Service and Education Welfare. Meetings between these agencies have already taken place and Officers are currently collecting information and data.

The review process includes exploring potential options to enhance HSSD's social work provision in order to provide the best possible service to the children and families. Details of any enhancement are pending the conclusion of the review process.