

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**

**Question**

“Will the Minister –

- (a) state the criteria that determine which modern foreign languages (M.F.L.) are offered within the core curriculum; and
- (b) advise whether there are any plans to offer Portuguese as an M.F.L. option alongside other languages in the curriculum and, if so, when this will occur and, if not, why not?”

**Answer**

- (a) The Curriculum Council are responsible for determining the choice and options of M.F.L. offered in schools. At the present time schools determine the choice and options of M.F.L. / world languages offered in schools, over and above the core curriculum – this is based on pupil demand and expertise of staff
- (b) Portuguese is currently offered in some schools – this is a school decision; some schools use the local Portuguese teachers from the embassy to assist. A more coordinated approach will be discussed upon the launch of the new Languages Policy in May, and the commencement of the new languages adviser in April 2022.