WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2019

Question

Will the Minister –

- (a) advise what guidance or direction, if any, is given to schools regarding the length of lunch breaks;
- (b) state how her Department ascertains that students in all of the Island's schools are able to access suitable food at lunches and have the time to do so, and whether the Department is currently certain that this is the case; and
- (c) provide a list showing the length of lunch breaks taken in the Island's schools, highlighting the minimum and maximum length currently taken?

Answer

- (a) Head teachers are responsible for determining internal timings of the school day. Any changes to the start and finish times of the day must be consulted upon with the Department, who will advise on consultation with parents and stakeholders (e.g. neighbouring schools, bus company etc.)
- (b) The healthy eating in schools programme, and school food standards are linked to the Governments Food and Nutrition Strategy for all schools who provide a hot meal service. Where this service is not provided the parents are responsible for providing a packed lunch.

(c)

| Government of Jersey, Provided Schools Lunch Breaks | Length (mins) | |
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| Bel Royal, d'Auvergne, First Tower, Grainville, Grands Vaux Reception - KS1 and KS2, Highlands, Janvrin, Jersey College Preparatory, La Moye, Les Landes, Mont Nicolle, Mont à L'Abbé, Plat Douet, Rouge Bouillon, Springfield, St Clement, St John, St Lawrence, St Luke, St Martin, St Mary, St Peter, St Saviour, Trinity and Victoria College Preparatory | 60 | Maximum |
| Grouville, Jersey College for Girls, Samarès and Victoria College | 55 | |
| Grands Vaux Nursery, Hautlieu | 45 | |
| Haute Vallée | 40 | |
| Les Quennevais | 35 | |
| Le Rocquier and La Sente | 30 | Minimum |