

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2020**

Question

Given that many university accommodation tenancy contracts end in late June, whether on campus or privately rented, will the Minister advise what support, if any, is being given to parents of university-aged children to help with the safe return of their belongings, and provide information about any methods being considered for such safe return?

Answer

An update on Higher Education support during coronavirus was published on Friday 22nd May confirming that students can now travel between Jersey and the UK to collect their belongings. This also advised that The Government of Jersey (GoJ) will not be approving additional financial support to cover getting belongings back from university as this is considered something that students would need to do every year, albeit under different circumstances, and would therefore be covered by existing maintenance grants.

If this causes severe financial hardship for any students, the department will consider these on a case by case basis.

A short survey was also published at the same time to help better understand the scale of the issues related to the collection and return of university students' belongings left in their accommodations, which require packing, collection and transfer to Jersey. Officers have also been exploring any potential options for logistics support which will be presented to the Minister once the survey results have been collated and analysed.