

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND
CULTURE BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th JULY 2012**

Question

- “1. Will the Minister explain to members why he failed to announce plans for the appointment of a single head for Hautlieu and Highlands in the States Assembly and chose instead to give the details to the press?
2. Does the Minister accept that by adopting the approach he has, he has closed down any possibility of public debate of the principles involved in the Assembly and elsewhere?
3. Do the terms of reference of the review into “enhancing options for students” include:
 - a) targets for efficiency savings, other than the £1million identified for the tertiary sector by Tribal in 2010;
 - b) the potential scrapping of 14+;
 - c) the amalgamation of Hautlieu and Highlands into a single institution;
 - d) the savings that could be made by having a single tertiary centre to meet the needs of all the Island’s post-16 students, to include the fee paying sixth forms?
4. Will he also state whether this new initiative is intended to replace the missing £3.6 million from his CSR savings targets resulting from the abandonment of proposals to reduce the subsidies to the fee-paying sector and, if not, does he intend to re-introduce reductions in these subsidies in the period to 2016?”

Answer

1. This is not ‘the appointment of a single head for Hautlieu and Highlands’ rather it is the appointment, on a two-year temporary basis, of an Interim Executive Principal for the specific purpose of carrying out a review of enhancing options for students at both institutions.
2. No. This is a two-year review. There are no predetermined outcomes and, at this early stage, no proposals for any change.
3.
 - a) No. No savings targets have been identified.
 - b) No.
 - c) No. Each institution will retain its own character and ethos throughout the two-year review.
 - d) No. This review is looking only at Highlands and Hautlieu and any opportunities that may exist for giving students wider choice in the courses they take and better educational outcomes.

The terms of reference will be finalised by the Joint Steering Group shortly.

4.No and no. The Deputy will note that a revised set of CSR savings for ESC, for the extended period to 2016, were published last week. Highlands and Hautlieu are not included.