

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2016**

Question

With reference to page 153 of the Draft Medium Term Financial Plan Addition for 2017-19, will the Minister give details of what efficiencies are proposed in order to achieve the £100,000 saving in library services in 2019 and can he provide an assurance that this will not lead to a diminution in service quality or provision, including in relation to opening times?

Answer

The £100,000 savings in library services will be delivered by 2019 through a combination of natural wastage, new working practices and administrative changes.

Developing and extending the library service and improving the quality of the provision is a continued priority. The aim is to improve frontline services and the team have been working towards this for some time. For instance, in 2014 the Town Library opening times were increased by 2 ½ hours per week in response to public demand. Investigations are under way to explore how the service could further extend evening opening hours. This will continue to support self-study, literacy activities and access to the Library's extensive and growing range of resources and services, both physical and digital.