

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE  
BY THE CONNETABLE OF ST. HELIER**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th MARCH 2006**

**Question**

Would the Minister confirm whether a nursery unit is being created as part of the planned redevelopment of St. Peter's Primary School and, if so, would he explain the reasons why given his recent admission that the current system of allocating a limited number of free places in States day-nurseries is inequitable?

**Answer**

I confirm that a nursery class will be built as part of the planned redevelopment of St Peter's Primary School. In 1996 the States approved the strategy of the Working Party on Child Care. This included a recommendation that the former Education Committee continue its programme of developing nursery classes at provided primary schools.

In 2005, the former Education, Sport and Culture Committee declared its intention to continue with this strategy until 2009 when a nursery class at St. Peter's School would be completed.

The inequity in the current system is not caused by the provision of nursery classes but by the fact that there are not sufficient free places across the Island for all three and four year olds.