

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2017**

Question

Further to testimony provided on 27th February 2017 to the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel by the Jersey Early Years Association, will the Minister advise whether he has initiated a formal review of early years education and, if so, will he explain the reason for the review and provide details of who will undertake it, what the terms of reference will be and what time line will be followed?

Answer

Monitoring best practice in early years settings is a core function of the Education Department and is highlighted in the Business Plan. Reviews of various aspects of the provision in Jersey are ongoing and, as part of this process, the Minister has asked officers look at the needs of children in early years. This work will be carried out by officers at the Department in the usual way working with the newly reconstituted Early Years and Childhood Partnership, which is already looking at several aspects of the current system. Discussions are due to take place with them shortly regarding terms of reference and timescale.