

**3.5 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture regarding G.C.S.E. exam results:**

Would the Minister inform the Assembly how many Jersey students left school without any examination passes at the age of 16 or before that age? And, if this figure is added to the very good pass rate of our G.C.S.E. (General Certificate of Secondary Education) level students, how does Jersey then compare with other jurisdictions in educating the overall population?

**Senator M.E. Vibert (The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture):**

I would like to thank Deputy Martin for her question, because it is always nice to be able to say how well our young people are doing. In 2005, only six children, 0.6 per cent, left school with no examination passes. In 2006, 7 children, 0.7 per cent, left school with no examination passes. The 2007 data is not yet available. Compare that with the U.K. (United Kingdom). Across the U.K., 2.6 per cent of all children left with no examination success in 2005, and 2.2 per cent in 2006, compared with Jersey's 0.6 and 0.7 per cent. Deputy Martin asked about our G.C.S.E. results, and one of the key performance indicators for measuring G.C.S.E. success is the proportion of students achieving five or more A to C passes. For 2006, 67.8 per cent of Jersey students achieved this standard, compared to 59.2 per cent in the U.K.