

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY
DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2010**

Question

“Has the educational grant previously awarded to 16 -19 year olds to encourage those from poorer households to stay in post-16 education been absorbed in the adult component of Income Support and is therefore no longer targeted at young people?

Would the Minister indicate what steps, if any, he will take to reintroduce a targeted incentive for this group to remain in education?”

Answer

I can confirm that the budget for the education allowance which was given to low income parents who maintained their children in full-time post compulsory education was transferred to Social Security and incorporated into the general arrangements for low income support. It is my understanding that the form and extent of support available is unchanged, despite the fact that it is now available via Social Security rather than Education.

Despite the transfer of this function to the Social Security Department, my Department remains committed to supporting any young person wishing to remain in education beyond compulsory school leaving age and for this reason it provides full-time programmes of study at Hautlieu and Highlands College free of charge.

In view of the above I can confirm that I have no plans to introduce additional financial support via the Department for Education Sport and Culture.