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Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Children and Education –

"Further to his focus on children's dental health when standing for election as Minister, will the Minister state the timescale and cost of the educational and screening programmes to which he referred, including whether any Covid funding will be required; and advise what impact, if any, this work will have on contractual agreements with dentists and on the Jersey Dental Fitness Scheme?" WQ.170/2021

The following response was provided in writing in accordance with Standing Order 63(9) as the oral question was not asked before the end of the time allowed for Oral Questions:

This is an area I am keen to make progress in and we are currently formulating plans to introduce screening and boost capacity to make much needed appointments and treatment available to children who have not been able to access services. The cost and timescales of these options have not been finalised – but I can assure the Assembly that work is progressing on a dental strategy for the Island and within that, the preventative model of dental services for children.