

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2005

Question

Would the President advise members what arrangements, if any, are in place within the education system to accommodate children of approved 1(1)(j) housing consent employees who arrive in the Island at short notice, and what system, if any, is in place to accommodate children of local people returning to the Island who need to be placed in full-time education?

Answer

The Committee's admissions policy and procedures makes provision for families who arrive in the Island 'at short notice'. The policy does not discriminate between the children of parents who are allocated 1(1)(j) consents and 'local' parents who are returning to the Island.

Within the non fee paying sector, places are allocated according to availability subject to the Committee's policy for maximum class size. For children of primary school age, places are offered at the school which serves the catchment area within which the family will live. If no places are available within the relevant year groups, places would be offered at an alternative primary school which is closest to or convenient to the family home and where places are available.

For children of secondary school age, places are allocated on a similar basis to primary schools. However parents of children who are to enter Year 10 or above are advised that they may make application to Hautlieu School, admission to which is determined by ability.

Parents may also make application to the fee paying provided schools, (Victoria College, Jersey College for Girls and their respective preparatory schools). Admission to these schools is dependent upon both the availability of places and the pupils meeting the criteria for entry.