

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2009**

Question

“How many schools have facilities for recycling with separation of different categories of recyclables? Is the separation available throughout each school or only at one point?”

Answer

All primary and secondary schools recycle to some extent. This is being developed further and is becoming a normal part of school life.

Facilities are available in most schools for separating different categories such as paper, plastic and aluminium. Some schools are also involved in composting.

Materials collected are recycled in a variety of ways. Some are used in Art and Craft activities and school project work. Clothes and aluminium cans are collected by some schools to help raise funds for charitable organisations. Other schools take materials to recycling points in the Island.

Paper recycle bins are common place in classrooms and administration areas. Deposit bins for other materials are distributed in central school areas.

Two particular primary schools are currently collecting plastic bottles to build their own eco-greenhouse and another has established an eco-team comprised of pupils, parents and staff. This school has composting facilities for each classroom and eco-mentors responsible for recycling other items.

The department is keen to encourage schools in this respect and to work with other departments to promote a culture of environmental awareness.