

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND
CULTURE BY SENATOR J.L. PERCHARD
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2010**

Question

When was it first agreed that a Green Paper on the future of education should be produced, who is undertaking the work, what are their terms of reference and when does the Minister expect to publish the results?

Answer

It was agreed in 2009 that a Green Paper should be produced on the future of education. This document will be the outcome of a series of policy reviews commissioned early in 2009, shortly after my appointment as Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, and which are now either complete or nearing completion.

The work on the Green Paper is being carried out by my department, with support from external advisers as necessary. This important document will provide a strategic review of the entire education system that will look at all options.

The scope of the consultation will include the following:

- Vocational provision for 14-19 year olds
- Responding to the Skills agenda
- Special Needs
- Social Inclusion
- Funding of higher education
- Primary and secondary curriculum and the organisation of schools
- Secondary education—a review of options, including opportunities at sixth form level.

These issues are interrelated and the Green Paper will adopt a strategic approach aimed at setting the overall shape of Jersey's education system for the future. This major consultation will be launched early next year allowing all stakeholders to actively participate in determining the future shape of education on the Island.

I hope as many as possible will contribute to the public consultation so that we can deliver an education system that meets the needs of all people, regardless of ability or background.

A White Paper will follow this to allow for further comment before a final decision is made by the States in 2012.