

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2014**

Question

Will the Minister detail for members how he will deliver those measures to balance the Consolidated Fund that apply to the Education, Sport and Culture Department and are listed on page 56 of the accompanying report to P.129/2014 'Draft Budget Statement 2015'?

Answer

The revised MTFP departmental Annex for 2015 sets out the level of savings to be achieved by each department to which the Minister's introduction refers as follows:

2015 Budget Measures

The proposed measures to balance the consolidated fund in 2015 – 2% cuts – would put significant pressure on our budget and is likely to have a direct impact on our ability to maintain frontline services. This is a particular concern in relation to standards, demographic pressures and the plans for Trackers, however we will continue to work on the effective delivery of these services within the constraints of the budget cut.

Due to the short time period between the publication of P129/2014 and 1 January 2015, the ESC department has reviewed its expenditure and made temporary plans to manage within the budget for 2015 and try to minimise the effect on front line services for 2015.