

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH JUNE 2016**

Question

Following part D of R.51/2016 'Higher Education Funding', entitled Expansion of Campus Jersey, which concludes that the government will progress with exploring the options to provide more on-Island higher education services, could the Minister indicate what he is planning to do to pursue this aim, along with what funding he considers will be necessary to enable local students to afford to sign up to any new courses?

Answer

Meetings are already taking place with representatives of all the organisations in Jersey that provide higher education courses on-Island. There are currently 23 offerings across a range of subjects generally linked to the needs of the local economy. This includes 14 courses at the University Centre, Highlands, which is exploring options for additional courses where there is, or could be, demand from students or local businesses. The group is already looking at ways to improve collaboration, enhance the offering to students here and raise the profile of Jersey-based courses.

Students signing up to any new courses would be subject to the same funding arrangements as for other courses, including the means-tested student finance grant and a £1,500 a year Jersey student loan.