

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2016**

Question

With reference to page 153 of the Draft Medium Term Financial Plan Addition for 2017-19, will the Minister give details of what the £300,000 savings for 'user pays' in 2019 with regard to the Jersey Music Service entail? What consultation has been undertaken with the Service on this matter and can the Minister provide an assurance that this cut will not have a deterrent effect on young people learning a musical instrument?

Answer

Discussions are still under way to finalise the saving relating to the extra-curricular music tuition provided by the Jersey Music Service (JMS). This proposal is not due to be implemented until 2019 and the Education Department is working with the JMS staff, particularly their senior management team, to explore options for remodelling the service to ensure the JMS provision is in line with the aims of the Education Business Plan.

All students currently receive music lessons during the school day. These are a mandatory part of the curriculum and will not be affected by this MTFP proposal.