

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM,
SPORT AND CULTURE**

**BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2016**

Question

With reference to page 152 of the Draft Medium Term Financial Plan Addition for 2017-19, will the Minister explain the implications of the proposed “reduction in grants [for] - Culture” and set out which organisations’ grants he plans to reduce?

Answer

The States Assembly agreed, through the States Strategic Plan, to prioritise investment in Health, Education, St Helier and economic growth, while balancing budgets by 2019. As highlighted in last year’s debate on the Medium Term Financial Plan, this means we need to restructure our organisation and reprioritise our spending.

With this in mind, the Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department has maintained grant funding for Jersey Heritage, Jersey Arts Trust, Jersey Arts Centre, and the Opera House throughout the plan period.

In addition, we have reinstated reductions previously identified by the then Education, Sport and Culture (ESC) Department for Jersey Heritage Trust’s operation of the Jersey Archive and provided funding for Jersey Arts Trust’s ‘art house’ project.

Prior to the Transfer of Functions on 1st January 2016, ESC identified a reduction of £29k in funding for the Don Balleine Trust (Jerriais). This will reduce funding in 2017 to £117k. No further reduction is planned for 2018 or 2019. Of the £117k up to £61k per annum has been allocated, with the agreement of the Don Balleine Trust, to the Education Department for the employment of 1 FTE to teach Jerriais in primary schools across the island.

By 2019 a forecast £10k reduction in the Department’s programme budget for culture will be identified as a result of the Public Sector Reform review of sport and culture.