

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019**

Question

Is it the Minister's assessment that the 14+ transfer system has the support of the majority of headteachers of non-fee paying schools in Jersey? If not, why not?

Does the Minister have any plans to review the 14+ model in operation in Jersey during this term in office? If not, why not? If so, can she provide a timeline and the nature of any such review?

Answer

I have not discussed the question of the 14+ transfer system directly with head teachers. However, I am aware of the many challenges the transfer to Hautlieu School at 14 has for the four 11-16 non-fee paying schools. I am also aware of the opportunities the transfer has for those students who wish to move to Hautlieu for their GCSEs.

I am committed during my term of office to begin the process of reviewing the structure of secondary education in Jersey, to ensure it is fit for purpose for the next twenty years. This will include a review of the 14+ transfer as well as the delivery of vocational education and the wider curriculum and sixth form provision.

Once I have developed the planning for this I will inform Members of this Assembly. The work will take place in full consultation with the range of stakeholders, including teachers and head teachers, and the wider community.

With regards to the vocational offering, I have instructed the officers to review and devise a provision of flexible and adaptable learning opportunities that will be available to all 14+ students. Currently work is being carried out collaboratively between the four 11-18 schools, Hautlieu, private schools, Highlands College and alternative provision to build a suitable offer.

Officers are also working to create stronger links with primary schools to develop a vocational experience at a much earlier age for children and young people.