

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2020**

Question

Will the Minister advise whether the Government is still working towards the aims within the original strategy of the 1,001 Days programme and, if so, state what progress has been made since his appointment as Minister and what action plan, if any, he has for future progress?

Will he further advise whether he will commit to the recently-renewed aims of the First 1,001 Days Movement and whether he has given any consideration to the Movement's statement of 9th April 2020 to the U.K. Government (in response to the Covid-19 pandemic) and its applicability to Jersey?

Answer

The previous government committed to the 1,001 days programme in 2015. This been superseded by the new Government and the Government Plan which sets out a very clear commitment to children which is entirely consistent with the vision and mission described by the 1001 critical days movement.

I can confirm that the recently renewed aims of the First 1,001 Days Movement have not been considered in Jersey. However, despite the disruption and uncertainty caused by COVID-19, the Government's emergency response to the threat posed by the pandemic has included careful consideration of the needs of children and their families. The actions taken during the pandemic represents a continued and enduring commitment to children and families which will be built on as we continue to negotiate a safe exit from the emergency measures put in place during the pandemic.