# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 21st JUNE 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 28th JUNE 2021

### **Question**

Further to the answer to Written Question 282/2021, in which reference was made to the Independent School Funding Review, the Education Reform Project and an Inclusion Review, will the Minister provide the proposed timeline for action on the outcome of these reviews, stating what specific actions are planned for 2021 and 2022?

#### Answer

# 1.0 Independent School Funding Review

This review completed in May 2020, formed the basis of the successful bid to the Government Plan 2021 – 2024 and the recommendations of the review are now being delivered through the Education Reform Programme (ERP). The ERP was initiated in February 2021 and has a three-year implementation timescale.

### 1.1 Inclusion Review

This review was a specific recommendation of the Independent School Funding Review and forms part of the ERP. A third party (NASEN) was commissioned in April 2021 and the recommendations from the review are due in July 2021. The implementation approach to these recommendations will be planned as part of the ERP in the second half of 2021.

## 1.2 Wider ERP implementation

The remaining recommendations of the funding review, supplemented by additional objectives on workforce and digital strategy, will be delivered through the ERP. The nature of the recommendations are varied and include increase in funding allocations, augmentation of existing and introduction of new services and policy development. As such the implementation approaches and delivery timescales will vary.

In the first half of 2021 a number of recommendations have been delivered including:

- Increase in funding to Jersey Premium
- Increase in funding to Educational Psychology service
- Allocation of deficit funding to schools

And a number of projects have been initiated including:

- Enhancement of the English as an additional language (EAL) service
- Introduction of funding for Low Prior Attainment (LPA)

- Development of a teacher learning and development scheme
- Review of business management and support in schools
- Review of supplementary allowances to teachers
- Development of new funding formulas for schools

More detailed plans for each of these, and other projects will be developed during 2021 and will set out the specific deliverables and timescales. Briefings on the development of ERP implementation plans and performance at a project level can be provided on request.