

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide members with –

- (a) a full list of all bodies for which he is responsible that exist to ensure the safety of children in the Island;
- (b) the role of each such body, its membership, and the number of times each body has met during the last two years;
- (c) the regularity with which each body publishes minutes of their activity; and
- (d) details of any bodies that have failed either to take or to publish minutes regularly and the reason for any such occurrences?

Answer

(a), (b) and (c)

Bodies	Role / Terms of Reference	Meetings June 2019 – June 2021	Publication of Minutes
Corporate Parenting Board	Terms of Reference	11 th June 2019 3rd September 2019 5 th June 2020 11 th September 2020	Minutes are published retrospectively on the Government of Jersey website once they have been approved by the Board at the subsequent meeting
Children's Strategic Partnership Board	Terms of Reference <i>To note: these revised terms of reference were agreed in April 2021</i>	7 th February 2019 30 th May 2019 18 th October 2019 6 th March 2020 25 th June 2020 24 th September 2020 19 th April 2021	Minutes are circulated to Board members with further cascade out to Community and Voluntary Sector via two representatives.
Children's Improvement Board	Terms of Reference <i>To note Board changed name to Children's Strategic Leadership Board from 12 June 2020</i>	21 st June 2019 8 th November 2019 13 th February 2020 12 th June 2020 15 th March 2021	N/A

(d)

Corporate Parenting Board: Meetings have been planned since the last Board meeting of 11th September 2020. However, initially due to the onset of the pandemic, combined latterly with the several changes in the responsible Minister who chairs this board, the diarised meetings have been postponed enabling new Ministers to familiarise themselves with this aspect of the portfolio. Following the election of Deputy Wickenden as Minister for Children and Education at last week's Sitting, the cycle of quarterly board meetings can now resume and the next one has been arranged for 20/09/2021.

Children Strategic Partnership Board: Scheduled Board meetings have been disrupted by the Pandemic and Ministerial changes. However, work has progressed during this period to review and strengthen the membership and Terms of Reference of the Board with a greater focus on outcomes for children. Additional administrative capacity is being allocated to the Board which will allow publication of Board meeting minutes going forward.

Children's Service Improvement Board: The key objective of the Board is to oversee delivery of the Children Services Improvement Plan. Reports and reviews of progress are provided to Ministers and Senior Officers. The Board terms of reference do not include publication of minutes or agendas.