WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2021

Question

Will the Minister provide an update on the following aspects of peak flow testing in schools –

- (a) the number of students tested daily in schools between 12th January and 5th February 2021;
- (b) this number expressed as a percentage of the school-age population; and
- (c) the number of tests that were self-administered by students?

Answer

The answers below are for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing in school and colleges:

- (a) Around 1,000 students in total over the period. Once the digital app is rolled out across all schools to record this data, the figures will be updated weekly and published on the school and college statistics page on the Government of Jersey website.
- (b) 36% of the 2,796 students, in years 11 13 in all schools and years 11 15 at Highlands College. These are the cohorts eligible for LFD testing currently in accordance with STAC advice. In the same period around 1,500 staff completed a LFD test also.
- (c) All tests were self-administered by students, with supervision from trained staff.