

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide the following details in relation to the use of consultants to produce the education reform program for 2021 to 2023 –

- (a) the estimated total expenditure;
- (b) how planned expenditure is agreed and allocated; and
- (c) what the process is for awarding contracts to consultants?

Answer

In responding, the interpretation of the *Education Reform Programme* is as described in the Government Plan 2021 – 2024 (GP21-CSP1-2-05).

(a) This programme was informed, in significant part, by the output and recommendations of the Independent Schools Funding Review. The consultants commissioned to undertake this review (2020 Delivery Ltd) were paid £227,675.

(b) & (c) Future expenditure on consultants commissioned through the Education Reform Programme will follow established governance arrangements. Specifically, these arrangements are set out in a supporting document to the Public Finance Manual titled Procurement Best Practise Procedures.