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17 Senator S.Y. Mézec of the Minister for Children and Education regarding a post-Covid-19 recovery plan for children and families (OQ.78/2021):

Will the Minister state what efforts, if any, are being made to ensure that there is an effective post COVID-19 recovery plan in place for children and families, equivalent to the work being undertaken around the COVID-19 economic recovery plan?

Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour (The Minister for Children and Education):

There is work being undertaken to assess the impacts of COVID in the case of situations such as uptake of services within Health. We know as well, while assessing the impact of COVID, we know that there are issues around the wider outcome of health behaviours and we know that there has been a greater demand on the C.A.M.H.S. (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) service. Officers at the moment are working on a complete review of population needs and the recent COVID impacts and will be presenting papers to Ministers in the near future. This initially will have a well-being and health focus and that will apply to groups such as the elderly, L.G.B.T.Q.+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer plus) community, and children and families, as there is a wide scope in order to respond to COVID.