

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**Question**

“Following the announcement of a proposed £1.6 million funding for school meals across States primary schools, will the Minister state the anticipated delivery dates for the commencement of serving hot meals to children in each of the States schools where meals are not currently served?”

**Answer**

A phased implementation plan for the roll-out is being developed, this will see the current provision increase from approximately 500 meals a day to 4000, this is a substantial increase.

The reason for the phased implementation is to allow for the development of a suitable commercial kitchen and for building works to take place in schools, 10 of which require planning permission.

The proposed implementation plan sees five schools onboarded during 2023 and the remaining throughout 2024.

An incremental approach in the on-boarding of schools is necessary to ensure that the methodology used in the preparation of meals and delivery process is sustainable and successful.

The project team are currently looking at an upscale model to meet the 4000 school meal requirement, assessing the current methodology and making recommendations to ensure delivery. Once this has been completed more detail on the roll-out can be shared.