

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2022**

Question

In the event that the school meals programme is extended to all States funded schools, will the Minister advise –

- (a) the anticipated percentage of children who will receive free school meals; and
- (b) the income from charging for the meals from those children who are not eligible to receive them for free?

Answer

- (a) The programme aims to offer a free school meal to all primary school children who are in receipt of, or eligible for, Jersey Premium. The percentage of eligible children varies from school to school, but on average across all schools we anticipate 28% of children will be eligible to receive free school meals.
- (b) Currently paid for meals are charged at £2.50 per day and all income received is re-invested in the programme by the charitable provider. A non-disclosure agreement prevents any further information being released.