WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY M.B. ANDREWS OF ST. HELIER NORTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 2023 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023

Question

"Will the Minister provide the expenditure of both the Education Department and the Health and Community Services Department as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product for the period of 2017 to 2022?"

Answer

The requested analysis has been collated from the Statement of Outturn against Approvals in the Annual Report and Accounts¹ for each year, and GDP figures published by the Statistics Unit².

	HCS	CYPES	GDP	HCS	CYPES
	£m	£m	£m	%GDP	%GDP
2017	211.0	107.3	4,909	4.3%	2.2%
2018	208.9	112.6	5,003	4.2%	2.3%
2019	206.9	142.4	5,108	4.1%	2.8%
2020	239.7	153.4	4,592	5.2%	3.3%
2021	228.9	157.4	5,087	4.5%	3.1%
2022	246.6	175.9	5,703	4.3%	3.1%

Notes:

- 1. For 2017 and 2018 the expenditure of the Health and Social Services Department and Education Department have been included, from 2019 the Health and Community Services Department and Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department.
- 2. Figures used are from the Accounts for the relevant year, and do not include any subsequent restatements.
- 3. GDP for 2022 is not yet available, and will be included in the next report, 'Measuring Jersey's economy: Gross Value Added (GVA) 2022', which will be released on 4 October 2023. An estimate of GDP has been included for illustrative purposed based on 2021 GDP and the FPPs latest assumption³ for nominal growth in GVA for 2022 (12.1%)

As requested, these figures are based on departmental spend. The Treasury department is currently working on finalising the first report on "Classification of the Functions of Government Report" which will analyse Government Spend by function in line with the UN COFOG system. Health and Education are included as specific categories within this system, and the analysis will classify wider spend on Health and Education across Government.

¹ Annual Report and Accounts for the States of Jersey (gov.je)

² Measuring Jersey's economy: GVA and GDP - 2021 (gov.je)

³ FPP Economic Assumptions March 2023 (gov.je)