

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY LESTER QUERPEL**

Please find below my rule 14 questions proffered to you in your capacity as President of our Education, Sport and Culture committee.

As you will be aware, in November 2015, a report on the review of the Guernsey Children Law was published by the Scrutiny Committee. The review had been undertaken on behalf of the committee by Professor Kathleen Marshall and contained 21 recommendations. So with that in mind I ask the following questions.

Question 1

Can you please tell me if your committee are satisfied that the recommendations relating to your department/committee, have been pursued, progressed and finalised?

Answer 1

Although no recommendations fell specifically to this Committee to action, the Education Office actively contributes to the completion of key recommendations from the Marshall report on the Children Law via its participation in a number of cross-committee groups, including the Children & Young People's Board (CYPB) and various Safeguarding forums. The CYPB provides political oversight and scrutiny of issues affecting children and young people in Guernsey and Alderney, including those in care and care leavers. It aims to drive positive outcomes and acts as the Corporate Parenting Board, overseeing the implementation of the Corporate Parenting Framework; the Board includes members from various Committees and supporting officers, and meets quarterly. It is accountable to the States of Guernsey and the children and young people it serves. The Education Office's involvement ensures that educational perspectives and responsibilities are integrated into the pursuit and progress of these recommendations.

Since the publication of the Marshall Report the Committee has contract with Ofsted as its External Inspector of schools. Part of the Inspection Framework includes safeguarding protocols and practices.

Question 2

If your committee are satisfied that the recommendations relating to your department/committee have been pursued, progressed and finalised, are you able to provide me with an assurance that the desired outcome has been attained?

Answer 2

As part of the continued review of the Children's Law and the realisation of key recommendations regarding developments in the family care and justice system, progress, risks, and resource implications are continuously monitored. This ongoing review ensures that the implementation of the Children Law remains effective and responsive to the needs of children and families.

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