

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2025

Question

“Further to [P/2016/0520](#), and the related [Planning Obligation Agreement](#) which placed a duty upon Jersey Sports Academy (operating as Strive) to update the Minister every school term on the take up levels of the time slots offered to schools as part of the commitment to provide 4044 free hours of school and community use a year as agreed by the Community Use Monitoring Programme, alongside the requirement to conduct a review of the [Service Level Agreement](#) “a minimum once per fiscal year”, will the Minister –

- (a) advise whether he or his department have received termly reports on the take up levels of the available hours, since the Jersey Sports Academy (JSA) opened in 2021, and if so, will he publish a summary of those reports and any resulting actions;
- (b) detail the total hours of community use which have been made available to Island school and sports clubs on an annual basis, and provide the number of hours taken up by those groups; and
- (c) advise whether the annual reviews mentioned in the Service Level Agreement have taken place, and if so, provide details of those reviews and any actions arising from them?”

Answer

- (a) Formal reports have not been received by the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development or his department since the Jersey Sports Academy (JSA), operating as Strive (“the Owner”), opened in 2021. In 2016, the then Minister for EDTSC was one of 3 parties to the agreement, along with the then Minister for Education and the Chief Officer of the then Department for the Environment. Ad-hoc updates are provided to the Department for the Economy as required and Strive maintain an ongoing relationship directly with Jersey Sport and with Island schools, sports and community groups, in relation to use of the facility during available hours.

As noted in part b), the required hours for schools and community use have been offered and there has also been ongoing collaboration between Jersey Sport and Strive around provision of the facility to wider public users. This ensures continued alignment with the Government and Jersey Sport objective to target the least active groups.

Strive also regularly feature in local media, highlighting ongoing support for a range of facility users.

- (b) It should be noted that schools hours are free and sports club and wider community use is chargeable but discounted.
 - Total hours offered per annum: 4044
 - Total take up in the last 12 months: 3505.5
 - Percentage take-up: 86.7%

In addition, Jersey Sport have used Strive as a base for their 12-week Exercise Referral programme as follows:

2023: 214 participants (with waiting time of 16 weeks to access the programme)

2024: 203 participants (despite temporary programme suspension whilst a new delivery model was established to reduce waiting times)

2025: 321 participants to date (no waiting time to access the programme)

- (c) No review has been undertaken by the Department for the Economy since the Department's establishment in 2021. The owner monitors usage and works directly with Jersey Sport, schools, sports and community groups to maximise use of the facility.