

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2026**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether the creation of a Strategy for embedding lifelong learning and skills is being considered, and if so –

- (a) when such a Strategy would be implemented; and
- (b) whether pre-school education, compulsory school education, upskilling and reskilling in the workplace, and lifelong learning would be included, and if not, why not?”

Answer

I recognise the importance of lifelong learning and skills development in supporting Islanders at all stages of life, from early years and compulsory education through to further and higher education, workplace training, and opportunities to upskill and reskill throughout a person's career.

Work is ongoing to determine priorities for this term of Government, and the Common Strategic Policy will provide the principal framework through which those priorities are articulated and progressed. As part of that work, I will continue to consider how best to support lifelong learning and skills development across the education system.

The [Lifelong Learning Review](#) published by the former Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel earlier this year provides an important contribution to ongoing discussions about how lifelong learning opportunities can be strengthened in Jersey. The review identified a number of areas for further consideration, including simplifying funding arrangements, reducing barriers to participation and improving access to retraining and upskilling opportunities.

I am keen to consider how the findings and recommendations of that review can inform future policy development and delivery. However, it would be premature at this stage to commit to the publication of a specific lifelong learning and skills strategy, a timetable for its development, or the precise matters that such a document might contain.