

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2026
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2026**

Question

“Will the Minister state the total annual expenditure on children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) for each of the last five years?”

Answer

Total annual expenditure on children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Years	Spend (£)
2021	17,216,000
2022	19,722,000
2023	23,851,000
2024	32,926,000
2025	37,864,000

Annual spend increased from **£17.2 million in 2021** to **£19.7 million in 2022**, **£23.8 million in 2023**, **£32.9 million in 2024**, and **£37.8 million in 2025**.

This represents an overall **120% increase in expenditure over five years**. This equates to 113% In real terms after removing the impact of inflation and pay awards.

The scale of this growth reflects both the demographic changes across the Island—with more children being identified as having special educational needs—and the Government’s continued commitment to supporting children and young people with additional needs. The increased investment demonstrates a clear focus on ensuring that schools and services are better equipped to meet rising levels of need and to deliver inclusive support for every child.

The table below also shows the change over the five-year period in the numbers of children presenting with SEN needs, with children with a Record of Need (RON) increasing by 88% and children needing SEN support rising by 19%. This signifies the rising severity of need over the period.

Academic Year	Record of Need	SEN Support
2020/2021	297	1,296
2021/2022	358	1,296
2022/2023	382	1,396
2023/2024	493	1,449
2024/2025	559	1,541