

CHIEF MINISTER

**54. Care leavers –
Government plans for apprenticeship and bursary payment schemes**

The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Callister) to ask the Chief Minister:

What plans the Government has to introduce apprenticeship and bursary payment schemes in order to help children leaving care to secure employment opportunities?

The Chief Minister (Mr Quayle): The Department of Education, Sport and Culture provide funding for apprenticeships by paying the course fees for the apprentice and compensating the employer for the day's work lost by the apprentices attending their training courses and has some bursaries for young people entering into apprenticeships for the provision of tools etc.

The funds are available to all young people and adults undertaking an apprenticeship but only provide the funding once employment is secured. The Department has no plans to change the schemes.