

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

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To	President, Education, Sport & Culture
Subject	Maintaining the heritage of and promoting Guernsey French as a living language
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Question 1

The States of Jersey in January 2020 have proposed spending over a phased period of years around one and a half million pounds on promoting, developing and sustaining Jerriais, Jersey French. What is the amount planned and proposed for Guernsey for the foreseeable future in the light of our sister Island's optimistic plans?

Question 2

Earlier in the spring of 2019, the States of Jersey Assembly successfully passed a proposition to embed and incorporate the Norman French language of Jerriais as an official language of the Island which amongst other things will mean Jerriais additions to official letterheads and island direction signposts. Does ESC plan such a policy and initiative here on island?

Question 3

I am aware that it has been gratifying news that representatives of Education, Sport & Culture have attended prestigious academic conferences and British Irish council meeting sessions reflecting on the value of indigenous languages currently flourishing in for example the Isle of Man or Gaelic Scotland. Have any concrete proposals emerged from this forum including high tech apps?

Question 4

Would ES&C describe their approach or policy direction regarding Guernsey French as being a strategy based on history conservation heritage librarianship, or one more focused on promotion and developing awareness and education for the whole wider community especially for children and young adults through schooling and leisure opportunities?