

Rod Bryans

From: Rod Bryans
Sent: 21 March 2016 20:03
To: Ian Gorst
Subject: Re: NEF

Ian,

No problem except we have set the wheels in motion.

The only reason you have the information is during my ministerial I asked if this had been sent out to ministers to remind them of what we are setting out to do. The answer was no so hence the email.

We have a meeting with the private sector nurseries on Wednesday and the news release goes out directly after.

This won't take effect until September 2017. We need to give parents as much time as we can to contemplate the cost.

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We think it will effect around a hundred people.

Kind regards,

Rod.

Deputy Rod Bryans- Minister of Education.

Sent from my iPad, I hope there are no mistakes.

On 21 Mar 2016, at 17:30, ..Ian Gorst.. <I.Gorst@gov.je> wrote:

Rod,

I think we should have a discussion about the timing of this announcement.

Can we speak tomorrow please?

Thanks,

Ian

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Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 02:10 PM
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Attachments: EDUCATION news release NEF MEANS-TESTING 21mar16.doc

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23 March 2016

Changes to the Nursery Education Fund

The Nursery Education Fund, which provides free nursery places for three-to four year olds, is being updated and the changes will include the introduction of means-testing.

Currently, almost every child in Jersey has their nursery education subsidised by the States when they are aged 3 to 4 and in the year before they start Reception at primary school. Irrespective of their income, all families can receive 20 hours of free nursery education for their child for 38 weeks in term time at a private commercial nursery. This accounts for £1.9 million of the Education Department's budget annually.

From September 2017 the Nursery Education Fund will be means-tested. Details have not yet been finalised but it is likely families with a household income of more than £75,000 will no longer qualify for the subsidy. This will enable the Department to target remaining funds to help lower income families.

Chief Education Officer Justin Donovan said: "The future of the Nursery Education Fund was in serious doubt because it is not part of the core services for compulsory education. However, every education professional knows the value of high quality early learning and we have done what we can to save this fund from closure by reducing the amount and targeting it more effectively."

The Education Department has to make significant extra savings by the end of 2019 as its contribution to balancing the States of Jersey budget. The majority of its expenditure relates to compulsory education in primary and secondary schools and the special educational needs services it is required by law to provide.

Education Minister Deputy Rod Bryans said: "Education has received some protection from budget cuts but we still have to play our part in balancing the States budgets in the face of a potential £145 million shortfall. It is difficult, in the current financial circumstances, to justify giving this subsidy across the board to high-earning families but we must try and protect the funding for those who would otherwise struggle to afford nursery education.

"Means-testing is a principle that applies across many States services and this change will bring the Nursery Education Fund into line with that accepted practice."

Ends

Note to editors

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Means testing will not apply to nursery class in States primary schools.

From: Justin Donovan
Sent: 24 March 2016 08:38
To: Ian Gorst
Cc: Education Senior Officer 1; Rod Bryans
Subject: Re: EDUCATION news release NURSERY CHANGES

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Rod Bryans
Sent: 08 April 2016 16:43
To: Alan Maclean
Subject: FW: BBC Jersey

What?

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Sent: 08 April 2016 16:37
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From: Rod Bryans
Sent: 06 April 2016 19:39
To: Justin Donovan; *Education Senior Officer 2*
Subject: Fwd: Education News Release

Chaps,

How is this possible?

I thought Alan along with other Ministers was fully aware.

I remember sending out to all Ministers the News release which was why Ian came back to us along with Deputy Pryke about redoing it.

Kind regards,

Rod.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Alan Maclean <A.Maclean@gov.je>
Date: 29 March 2016 16:56:46 GMT+1
To: Ministers Only
Cc: "John Richardson (CMD)" <J.Richardson@gov.je>, Richard Bell <R.Bell@gov.je>
Subject: Education News Release

Dear Rod,

The news release about changes to nursery education, issued immediately before the Easter holidays, came as a surprise to me and others. The reaction has been predictable and as a result we are now very much on the back foot.

There are a number of potentially contentious issues within most departmental savings/efficiencies but if we allow them to be dripped out in an unprepared random fashion we will see a similar outcome and get easily picked off. This will seriously threaten the delivery of the MTFP.

Ian, can I therefore suggest that we agree a communications plan with timings for the MTFP addition and all the measures contained within it. Importantly can we agree that all departmental savings/efficiencies go through a central communications sense check and are viewed in the context of a package of measures? It is important that individual departments don't issue details of their specific measures outside of an agreed COM communications strategy for the MTFP? It is equally important that CBM are fully sited.

Kind regards,

Alan

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Subject: Nursery Cuts

Date: Friday, April 08, 2016 16:27 BST

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Dear All,

I am very disappointed to have received a call from the BBC a few moments ago asking me about the private email that I had sent to Ministers concerning the announcement of Educations Nursery cuts. I do not know how the BBC got hold of this very limited circulation email but it is clearly not a satisfactory situation.

Alan

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From: Rod Bryans
To: Alan Maclean
Subject: Re: BBC Jersey
Date: Friday, April 08, 2016 20:12 BST

Alan,

Well done.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Rod.

Deputy Rod Bryans - Minister of Education.

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On 8 Apr 2016, at 19:24, "Alan Maclean"
<A.Maclean@gov.je<mailto:A.Maclean@gov.je>> wrote:

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From: Ian Gorst
Sent: 08 April 2016 17:11
To: Paul Routier; Andrew Green
Subject: Fw: BBC Jersey URGENT!!!

Fyi.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kindest regards,

Ian

From: Ian Gorst
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 05:00 PM
To: Alan Maclean; Rod Bryans
Cc: Richard Bell; Justin Donovan; Exemption - Personal Information
Subject: Fw: BBC Jersey URGENT!!!

Alan and Rod,

This needs to be corrected immediately. It is not correct to say that you didn't know about it, you were at the workshop where it was agreed on more than one occasion and you also had sight of the email prior to the Education announcement. A statement needs to be made to the BBC before they run the story unless they already have. In that case it needs to be clarified. This cannot be allowed to stand.

Please can a statement be drafted for issue as soon as possible.

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From: Rod Bryans
Sent: 10 May 2016 15:33 Education
To: FOI Officer (ESC)
Subject: FW: NEF

Here we go.

From: Anne Pryke
Sent: 10 May 2016 15:25
To: Rod Bryans
Subject: FW: NEF

Dear Rod,

Found the email.

Hope it is not too late.

Anne

On 8 Apr 2016, at 17:30, Anne Pryke <A.Pryke@gov.je> wrote:

Alan,

I have seen your emails and quiet agree that there is no comment

Radio is also saying you knew nothing about the proposed cut to nursery funding, but if emails are being leaked then this one might as Rod very kindly sent it to us all before it went out .

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