

This document is part of a transcription of the text of the on-line consultation being carried out by the Isle of Man Government in connection with its proposed 2019 Education Bill. In common with most consultations the preferred means of responding is through a multi-page on-line form, which means it is impossible to see all the questions without working through each page.

This document consists of the text from each page accumulated into a continuous format. On-line pages are identified as "Page N", and items from drop-down panels are indented and italicised.

The two questions below specifically concern home education. Home educating families may wish to respond to other questions in addition to these.

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Home education

The Department is seeking to establish that all children have access to suitable education, including those who are home educated. It is, therefore, being proposed that the following provisions are introduced in sections 77 and 78.

Parents will still have the right to Home Educate. It will be necessary, as at present, to notify the Department of an intention to educate otherwise. There will be periodic assessments and this may include considering a child's work or by carrying out interviews. How assessments are carried out will be regulated.

Related Information

Definition: "home education"

In this Act "home education" means education provided to a child in accordance with a decision by the child's parent to arrange for the child to be educated otherwise than at a school or college.

Departmental assessment

- 1. The Department must assess the educational development of children in the Island receiving home education.*
- 2. The Department may provide advice and information on request to a parent of a child receiving home education.*
- 3. The Department must make arrangements to allow children receiving home education to have access to school or college facilities to the extent the Department thinks appropriate.*
- 4. The Department must maintain a register of children in respect of whom the Department is notified under section 64 that the child is being home educated.*
- 5. The Department must carry out assessments from time to time of the educational development of each child receiving home education.*
- 6. The assessment may include, -*
 - 1. Assessing the child's work;*
 - 2. Interviewing the child;*
 - 3. Interviewing the child's parent.*
- 7. The assessment may take place, -*
 - 1. In the child's home with the consent of the child's parent; or*

2. at any other place agreed between the Department and the child's parent.

8. A parent of a child receiving home education must comply with any request by the Department to provide information for the purposes of the assessment.

*9. The Department must make regulations about the methodology of assessments under this section.
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20. Should the Department make arrangements for children receiving home education to have access to school or college facilities, for example, to be able to access laboratory facilities?

- Yes
- No

Please briefly explain why you have given this answer in the text box below.

21. Are the assessment proposals sufficient for the Department to ensure that a suitable education is being provided to Home Educated children?

- Yes
- No

Please briefly explain why you have given this answer in the text box below.