



Department of Education Sport and Culture

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Responding on behalf of an organisation?	
Yes	41
No	530
Not answered	17

Do you live on the IoM?	
Yes	523
No	44
Not answered	21

May we publish your response?	
Yes - in full	119
Yes - anonymously	361
No	108
Not answered	0

Name provided?	
Yes	540
No	48

Consultation Question and Responses			Department of Education, Sport and Culture
Questions 7: Do you agree that these principles are sufficient to underpin the education system of the Isle of Man now and in the future			<p>The section of the consultation on Principles, questions 7 and 8, produced a range of individual responses.</p> <p>The majority of comments were in relation to clarifying wording, particular principle 'e'. We have decided to change this so that children, young people and their parents should where practicable be involved in determining the form of education to be provided.</p>
Agree	293	49.8%	
Disagree	148	19.2%	
Neither	113	25.2%	
Not answered	34	5.8%	
TOTAL	588		

Consultation Question and Responses	Department of Education, Sport and Culture
Question 8 – Are there any other principles that you feel are missing and why?	The main focus of comments raised concerned the well-being of students and staff.
241 responses to this	We will amend a point in the section 'general duty of Department' to recognise this.
	There were a group who wanted the inclusion of a reference to the Christian heritage of the Isle of Man and made reference to faith based assemblies. This will be incorporated into secondary legislation and the Articles of Government of schools.

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Question 9 - Do you agree with the proposal of the Department seeking a financial contribution from the church towards any significant developments or other capital costs incurred in maintained faith schools?	The majority of you agreed with the proposal and the reasons for answering no were varied from 100% Department funded, 100% church funded, shouldn't allow faith school and others .
Yes	To seek to reflect the views expressed we will amend section 25 to remove 25(2) and alter the wording of 25(1) to say the Department will seek contributions from the church or other faith institution that nominates foundation governors to the governing body.
No	
Not answered	
TOTAL	

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Question 10 – Do you agree with the compulsory curriculum subjects proposed in the draft bill?	The majority of you agreed with this. Comments about the curriculum being 'compulsory' covered a wide range of views and ideas, from some of you saying that subjects should not be compulsory through to agreeing that the suggested, or a number of them, should be taught as compulsory subjects.
Yes	The Manx language and religion many people said that these should be compulsory, but the numbers did not support any changes to the provisions, apart from saying the language should be stated as Manx Gaelic. Aspects regarding religion will be included in secondary legislation and the Articles of Government of Schools.
No	
Not answered	
TOTAL	

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Question 11 –Is it right for the Department to seek to recover the costs of damages caused deliberately by pupils?			<p>81.3% of you agreed that it is right to seek recovering damage caused deliberately by pupils, with 115 comments saying that it will encourage consideration of consequences. There were comments about parents and pupils taking responsibility and about restorative action and working with the pupil.</p> <p>Seeking to recover costs will be part of the options available to schools when damage is caused deliberately by pupils.</p> <p>We will not be changing Clause 35.</p>
Yes	478	81.3%	
No	60	10.2%	
Not answered	50	8.5%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 12 – Do you agree that section 37 addresses the issues of children behaving inappropriately while under the authority of a member of the school’s staff?			<p>The majority of you, 67.5% felt that this addressed the issue of children behaving inappropriately while under the authority of a member of the school’s staff. The Articles of Government for a school will expand on the detail about this.</p> <p>We will not be changing Clause 37.</p>
Yes	397	67.5%	
No	99	16.8%	
Not answered	92	15.7%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 13 – Do you agree that the measures suggested will allow schools to address the issues of inappropriate use of social media in schools?			<p>Many of you who answered yes to this question felt that it was an improvement on nothing being in the Act but felt it may be difficult for the Headteacher to police, which was a point also made by all the headteachers who responded.</p> <p>We will keep section 41 largely as drafted but ensure policies which will underpin this section are robust and allow headteachers to implement the section appropriately within their schools.</p>
Yes	339	57.7%	
No	172	39.3%	
Not answered	77	13.1%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 14 – There are a number of exceptions as to why a pupil should go to a school in a different area detailed in the bill should there be any others?			<p>Although there were a similar number of yes and no responses there were no definitive ideas put forward and the comments can be taken into account when drafting regulations and in formulating policies and procedures.</p> <p>We will therefore leave the provisions in Clause 42 as drafted.</p>
Yes	257	43.7%	
No	260	44.2%	
Not answered	71	12.1%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 15 – Do you agree that actions required in respect of remedying and identified deficiencies should be the responsibility of the Head Teacher and will improve the education provision in the school?			<p>The majority of you said that it should be solely the headteachers responsibility. Of the 168 who responded No to this question, 39 felt it should be the Headteacher and he Department who should be jointly responsible, 41 felt that someone independent should put in place the actions required to remedy the deficiencies, the remainder who answered no did not give a reason for this response.</p> <p>We have considered the feedback and we will leave section 49 largely as drafted.</p>
Yes	345	58.7%	
No	168	28.6%	
Not answered	75	12.7%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 16 – Do you agree with the proposed areas in Independent schools which will be regulated by the Department?			<p>The majority of you (69.1%) agreed with the proposals and some of you commented about the possibility of children being at risk with self-regulating schools.</p> <p>We have considered the feedback and will leave these Clauses as drafted.</p> <p>A section has been inserted to inspect those independent schools that are not already inspected by another professional body.</p>
Yes	406	69.1%	
No	99	16.8%	
Not answered	83	14.1%	
TOTAL	588		

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Questions 17 - Regulations will be made to adapt "compulsory school age" in specified circumstances. One instance will be for summer born children. Is it appropriate to have this flexibility about when children start and finish compulsory schooling?			<p>There was overwhelming support for being able to adapt the 'compulsory school age' in specified circumstances.</p> <p>We will keep these provisions as largely as drafted.</p>
Yes	440	74.8%	
No	90	15.3%	
Not answered	58	9.9%	
TOTAL	588		

Consultation Question and Responses			Department of Education, Sport and Culture
Question 18 – are there any circumstances that you may wish to see covered by the regulations on compulsory school age?			<p>A range of ideas were suggested which placed children at the centre, with themes including 'children should progress at their own pace' and 'flexibility for [the] child's needs'.</p> <p>The approach being proposed will allow for parental choice.</p> <p>We will leave these clauses as drafted.</p>
Yes	158	26.9%	
No	305	51.9%	
Not answered	125	21.2%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 19 –Do you think that this approach (to attendance) will be a constructive alternative to a fine, helping parents to develop strategies?			<p>57.7% of you answered yes to this and many felt this was a less punitive approach but that it could be resource intensive.</p> <p>Of the 31.6% of you who said No, the majority gave no reason why they answered no and the remainder thought that is was a waste of resources and if the fine system was operated properly this would be sufficient.</p> <p>We will retain clause 68 as drafted.</p>
Yes	339	57.7%	
No	186	31.6%	
Not answered	63	10.7%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 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?			The majority of you felt that this should be allowed as parents of home educated children are taxpayers and as such they contribute to government funds that maintain and run the schools on the island. However many who answered yes also felt that this may be difficult to arrange and would have to be in close co-operation with the schools and fit in with school timetables.
Yes	362	61.6%	80 of us who answered 'No' felt that as home educators have opted for their children not be educated at school, then they should provide everything to educate their children, with the remainder feeling that it would be logistically impossible to do. We have agreed to leave this clause in the new Bill.
No	167	28.4%	
Not answered	59	10.0%	
TOTAL	588		

Consultation Question and Responses			Department of Education, Sport and Culture
Question 21 – Are the assessment proposals sufficient for the Department to ensure that a suitable education is being provided to Home Educated children?			Even though the majority of you agreed that the Department should be able to assess the education being provided to home educated children, we will be reviewing the wording in clause 78 to make the assessment criteria less onerous and by some considered too invasive, to a process determined in regulations that can meet the requirements of the Department to ensure a suitable education is received by all children wherever they are educated.
Yes	377	57.3%	
No	168	28.6%	
Not answered	80	14.1%	
TOTAL	588		

Consultation Question and Responses			Department of Education, Sport and Culture
Question 22 - Do you agree that the Department should have an upper age of 21 to consider educational provision for those with additional educational needs?			Most of you agreed with an age of 21 but we intend to introduce a provision to allow the Department to change this age by Order.
Yes	399	67.9%	
No	109	18.5%	
Not answered	80	13.6%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 23 - Is the definition of an individual with a learning difficulty or disability sufficiently clear and broad?			The majority of you (66.8%) expressed the view that this was sufficiently clear and broad.		
			There were references to mental health and also the levels of need that individuals have and also the support that is needed.		
Yes	393	66.8%	We will keep this provision as is.		
No	107	18.2%			
Not answered	88	15.0%			
TOTAL	588				

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Question 24 - In some of the principles there is a reference to assessment and allocation of resources for those with additional educational needs; do you agree that these are appropriate?			Some responses suggested that principle (a) should not put those presenting challenging behaviour with those who have special needs as a result of their mental or physical conditions.		
			Principle (a) will be split up to reflect the comments made about challenging behaviour and those who have special needs as a result of their mental or physical conditions.		
Yes	381	64.8%			
No	118	20.1%			
Not answered	89	15.1%			
TOTAL	588				

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Question 25 – Other principles deal with parent and young person involvement in decision making; having full information and co-operation and communication around decisions. Is there anything else that should be considered?			There was no single idea that stood out significantly above any other, although there were lots of different ideas presented. On the whole, you felt that a parent and young person should be involved in decision making, along with educational professionals.		
			We will amend principle (f) to reflect this.		
Yes	188	32.0%			
No	280	47.6%			
Not answered	120	20.4%			
TOTAL	588				

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Question 26 – It is proposed that additional educational needs assessments can be requested by the Department and by parents of children in maintained schools and the Department may assess children such as those in Independent Schools or are Home Educated. Is this appropriate?			<p>The majority of you agreed with this proposal and there were a range of comments, with the greatest number, although less than 4% of respondents, saying that assessments should be requested by parents.</p> <p>Of those who said 'no' there was no consensus about other changes so we will not make any changes in this area.</p>
Yes	391	66.5%	
No	96	16.3%	
Not answered	101	17.2%	
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Question 27 – If a parent does want an assessment or alternatively does not want an assessment carrying out when proposed, then an appeal to a Tribunal is being suggested. Do you believe that this gives a parent sufficient remedy to challenge a decision being taken about their child, whether this is for an assessment or not?			<p>The majority of you agreed with the suggestion in the draft Bill of an appeal to a Tribunal as being a possibility.</p> <p>We will leave this clause as it is.</p>
Yes	371	63.1%	
No	108	18.4%	
Not answered	109	18.5%	
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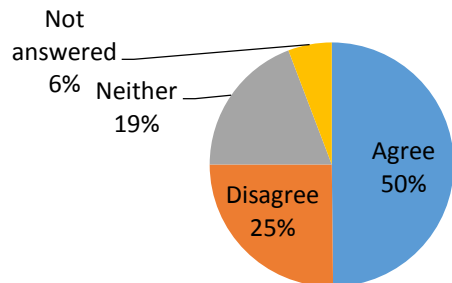
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Question 28 – Are there any other criteria that should be used?			The majority of you said that no other criteria should be used.
Yes	113	19.2%	We will leave this as it is.
No	362	61.6%	
Not answered	113	19.2%	
TOTAL	588		

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Question 29 – Do you believe that this will help to ensure rogue education institutions will be identified and if necessary closed down?			We will include these sections as drafted as 61.4% of you felt that the provision were adequate and of the 121 that answered No, no reason was given as to why they were not adequate, although we are reviewing the need for inspections at clause 113 as registered bodies will also be recognised by awarding bodies.
Yes	361	61.4%	
No	121	20.6%	
Not answered	106	18.0%	
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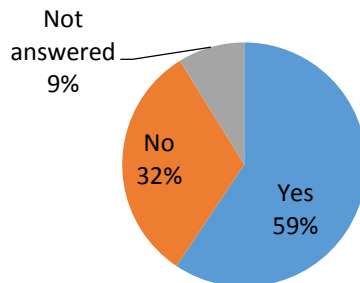
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Question 30 - Do you consider that this registration is sufficient for parents to get some basic information about tutors available on the island?			The majority of you considered that registration is sufficient for parents to get some basic information, with some of you saying that registration is needed in the current social climate and others saying that registration supports freedom of choice. Against this, there were comments which said that word of mouth works without the need for registration, although a similar number of comments said that DBS would provide reassurance to parents.
Yes	382	65.0%	We will leave these clauses as they are.
No	127	21.6%	
Not answered	29	13.4%	
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<p>Question 31 – A copy of the Education Bill is attached. The Department is interested to hear views on any issue that has not been covered in the consultation questions. If there are any topics that you wish to raise and discuss please raise these in the space below.</p>	<p>The majority of the comments reiterated or expanded on comments made in response to consultation questions. However we will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the section on Governors, particularly in relation to primary schools • Changing the wording in clause 90 from “appropriate” education to “suitable” education • Amending clause 33 to include other school staff such as Education Support Officers
<p>243 raised in this section</p>	

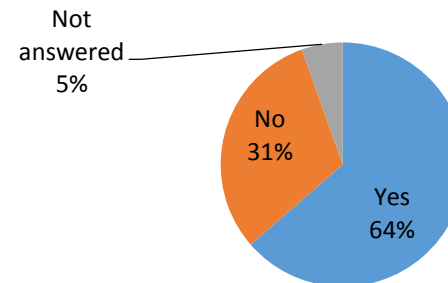
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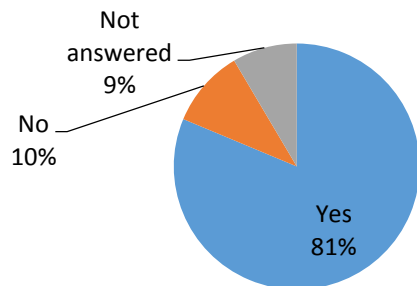
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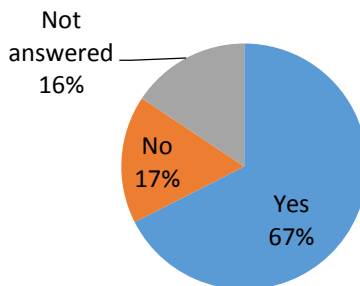
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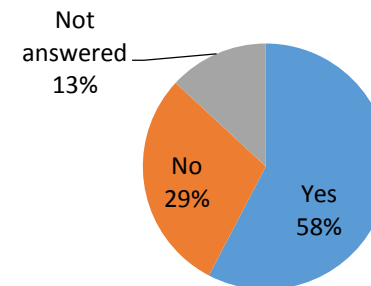
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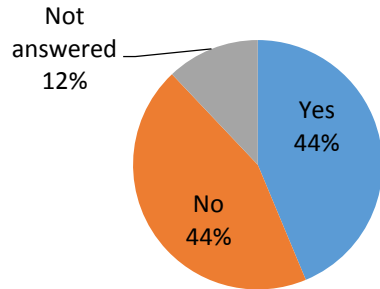
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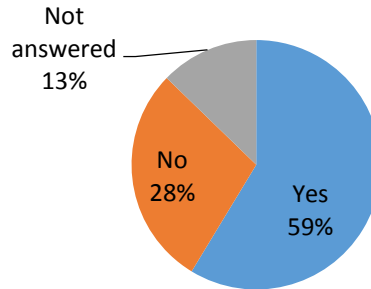
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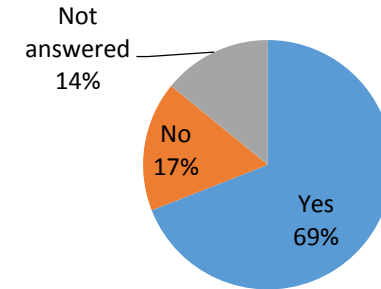
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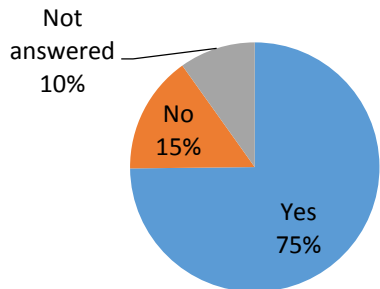
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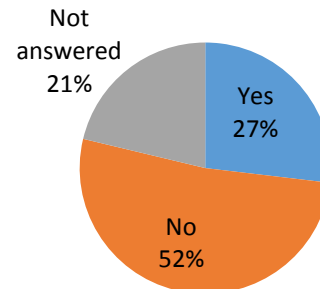
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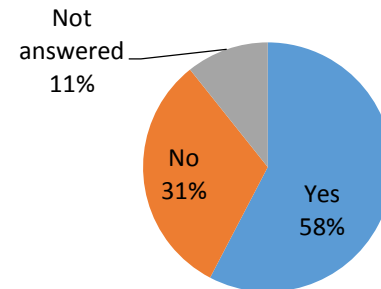
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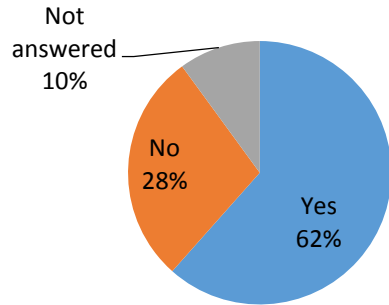
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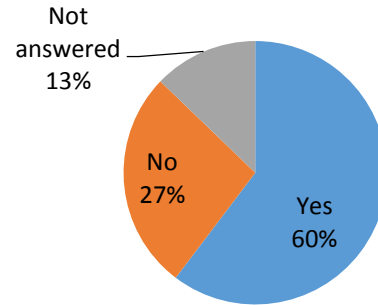
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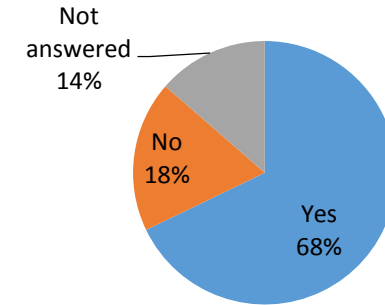
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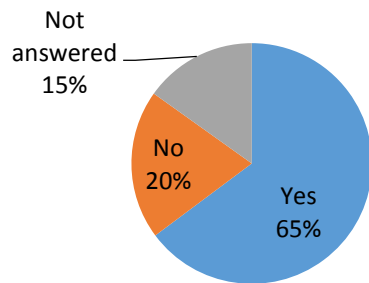
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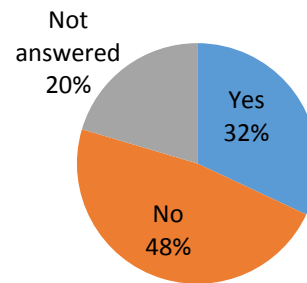
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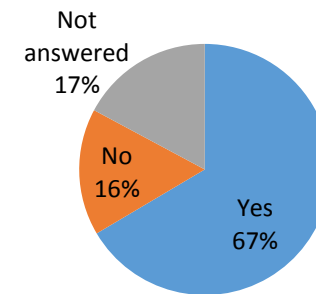
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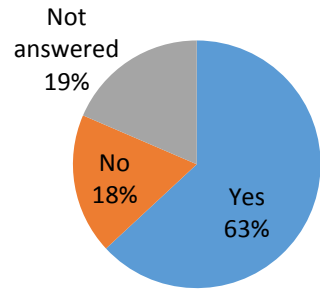
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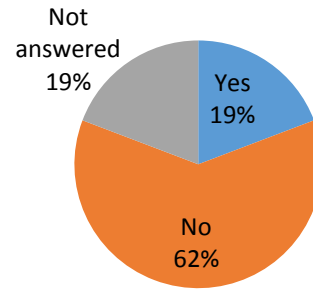
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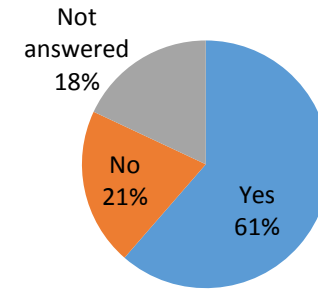
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