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Shadow Minister for Education, Training, Culture, Youth and (Ag) Sport Steven Linares has tabled over 30 questions for the Government to answer at next week's meeting of the House of Assembly.

Mr Linares will ask the Government to say how many children have been suspended from school in the years 2004/5 and 2005/6 to date giving a breakdown by school and by term. He also wants to know how many students are currently in the Pupil Referral Unit which has been set up in Bayside School, and he wants Government to say what is the estimated expenditure that has been allocated for the unit.

The Opposition spokesman will also ask Government to say how many juveniles who were convicted were given community service as a sentence from October 2005 to date, and how many actually completed the sentence.

Mr Linares has tabled a whole series of questions on grants for further education. He wants the Government to state how many students have been awarded mandatory grants this academic year, and how many have been awarded discretionary grants. On the question of discretionary grants and distance learning grants, Mr Linares will ask the Government to say how many people applied.

Also on educational matters, Steven Linares will ask Government to say how many students have chosen non-UK universities in order to pursue their first degree course, or equivalent, showing the country, the course and the university chosen.

In his capacity as Opposition spokesman for Culture, Steven Linares has tabled a question to establish how many times and on what dates the Theatre Royal site has been inspected to ascertain whether there are any structural problems.

Mr Linares will also ask the Government to say how much was paid to the company from UK that set up the fair this year. He also wants the Government to list the terms and conditions that were laid down to this company including the use of electricity, water and other utilities.

On youth matters, Mr Linares will ask the Government to say what youth programmes are being conducted this year by the youth service. He will also want to know how many young people are currently involved in these youth programmes run by the youth service, with a breakdown by programme.

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