

2.5 Senator S.C. Ferguson of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture regarding estimates for future fee increases should grants to fee-paying schools be reduced:

Will the Minister provide all States Members with the department's estimates for future fee increases over a 2, 3, 4 and 5-year period if all of the proposed reduction in grant is passed directly on to parents, and will he also provide a table showing the annual percentage increases in fees for all fee-paying schools over the past 10 years?

Deputy J.G. Reed of St. Ouen (The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture):

The answer is yes, and I will arrange for the information to be circulated to all States Members later today.

2.5.1 Senator S.C. Ferguson:

I wonder if the Minister could explain why it was not possible to circulate these figures before?

The Deputy of St. Ouen:

It has taken a while to ensure that we have got all the information that the Senator requires.

2.5.2 Senator J.L. Perchard:

Has the Minister undertaken any work to determine the effect of the full implementation of his proposal to withdraw 50 per cent of the funding for secondary education on the effects it will have on the amount of children that will leave fee-paying schools and be forced to migrate to alternatives?

The Bailiff:

I am sorry, Senator. I think that is too far removed from the original question.