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**3.11 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning regarding Victoria College's AWPUs rates and their alignment with pay inflation (OQ.142/2025):**

Further to Written Question 263/2025 regarding Victoria College's energy, cleaning and grounds maintenance costs, will the Minister explain and evidence his statement that the A.W.P.U. (Age Weighted Pupil Unit) for these costs "are directly connected to pay inflation and, consequently, are increased by at least this percentage value"?

**Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central (The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning):**

The evidence is as follows: in 2025 the budgetary items increased as the building premises costs budget was increased by 4.4 per cent, giving a total budget in 2025 of £261,979, compared to £250,905 in 2024; the cleaning costs budget was increased by 4 per cent, giving a total budget in 2025 of £22,474, compared to £21,608 in 2024 and the grounds cost budget was increased by 80 per cent, giving a total budget in 2025 of £36,029, compared to £33,360 in 2024. The school are aware of these changes, which are set out on the front sheet provided annually to the school.

**3.11.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:**

Thank you for all that very fulsome answer. Is the new school funding formula supposed to track inflation of all costs?

**Deputy R.J. Ward:**

Sorry, can you just say that again? I did not quite get the last bit.

**Deputy D.J. Warr:**

It is a very simple sentence. Is the new school's funding formula supposed to track inflation for all costs?

**Deputy R.J. Ward:**

The school funding formula is a complex model but Victoria College is not funded by the school funding formula; it is still funded by the A.W.P.U. and this question is about Victoria College.

**3.11.2 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour:**

Is the school given the ability to decide what sort of fuel to use in their heating oil? I was told by a maintenance manager of this school or one of the schools that they are forced to get green diesel, which is much more expensive and they would prefer to spend the money on their staff and on their maintenance costs?

**Deputy R.J. Ward:**

I would have to find out the answer to that outside of here; it is somewhat away from the question. But obviously our commitment to lowering our carbon emissions is also important. I do not know the answer to that.

**The Deputy Bailiff:**

Yes, thank you.

**3.11.3 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf:**

He does not know the answer to the question about whether all his schools are using green diesel and a massive public ...

**The Deputy Bailiff:**

Asked about Victoria College I think.

**Deputy R.J. Ward:**

Absolutely correctly, I do not off the top of my head know whether they are using green diesel. In fact, in addition to that, I do not know what type of boiler they have, what type of supply they have or what their voltage is for their boiler, the output of their boiler or indeed any radiators they have in the school. But if the Deputy wants that information, which seems to be somewhat pointless, we can find it for him.

**The Deputy Bailiff:**

Final supplementary from Deputy Warr.

**Deputy D.J. Warr:**

No, thank you, Sir.