

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY THE
DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2009**

Question

Further to his response to my question of 10th March 2009, would the Minister advise what action, if any, he has taken to review the floodlighting of Victoria College and indicate what savings, if any, could be made to the school's annual electricity bill, should this practice be curtailed, for use by Victoria College towards the cost of other school resources.

Answer

On 10th March 2009, during Questions in the States, Deputy Rondel raised the subject of floodlighting at Victoria College. At that time I advised members that floodlighting had proved to be effective as a security measure at the College, as well as being appropriate for a prominent and historic building. I did not undertake to 'review the floodlighting at Victoria College', as implied by Deputy Rondel in his question, and remain of the view that the use of floodlighting is justified.

As indicated in my previous answer, the cost of floodlighting is minor in relation to the total cost of electricity for the school, and is considered to be cost-effective in terms of deterring vandalism and theft. Although the ESC Department partly funds the College, the administration of the school is the responsibility of the Head Teacher and the Board of Governors, including matters such as this.

I have previously indicated that the school would be willing to meet Deputy Rondel to discuss his concerns in more detail, and would suggest that he takes them up on the offer.