

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**

Question

“Is precise information available on the usage of energy in the Department’ schools and colleges and, if so, is it possible to track improvements in energy usage accurately?”

Answer

General information can be obtained on the use of energy in the Department’s schools and colleges, and can be retrieved from a variety of sources. Gas and electricity consumption, for example, is billed on a monthly or quarterly basis to individual schools and colleges, in the same way that it is to other customers.

Tracking improvements in energy usage to a reasonable degree of accuracy is a time-consuming task which requires the analysis of a range of factors, including the type of building construction, energy conservation measures, and fluctuations in weather conditions. The Jersey Property Holdings Department has recently been conducting a trial study of a cross-section of five primary schools in order to assess levels of energy consumption, and this study has concluded that the total energy performance in these schools is generally very good. It is now planned to extend this study to all States schools and colleges, both fee-paying and non fee-paying, in order to identify levels of energy usage and assess the potential for reducing consumption. This will enable Property Holdings to gain a better understanding of the overall picture, and to be in a better position to decide upon measures, in consultation with Education, Sport and Culture, that will help to reduce energy consumption.

It is also planned that energy usage will be monitored in the future, through a cross-section of benchmark schools and colleges, and this will make it possible to track improvements in energy consumption.