

STATES OF JERSEY



FEE-PAYING/PRIVATE SCHOOLS: REDUCTION IN LEVEL OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 2011 (P.164/2010) – AMENDMENT

**Lodged au Greffe on 8th November 2010
by Senator J.L. Perchard**

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For the words “brought the matter to the States” substitute the words “lodged “au Greffe” a Proposition on this matter”.

SENATOR J.L. PERCHARD

REPORT

In his statement to the States on 2nd November 2010, the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture said he was happy to accept my Proposition (P.164/2010).

I am relieved that he has agreed to seek the approval of the states for any proposal he may have to reduce the level of financial support to private/fee-paying schools in 2011, as I believe a decision of such importance should be a decision made by all members.

However, on 29th October the Deputy of St. Ouen was quoted by the BBC as saying “I have already given a commitment to States members that I will be bringing this matter to the States once I have concluded the relevant discussions I need to have with the schools concerned. States members will have the opportunity to debate the issue during the budget debate in December.”

I am concerned that the Deputy may not be planning not to bring a standalone Proposition to the States and he may attempt to have this matter dealt with, somehow, during the Budget debate.

Therefore, I propose a small amendment to P.164/2010 in an effort to provide clarity for members and the Minister.

If approved, the proposition would read as follows –

“to request the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture not to make any reduction in the level of financial support in 2011 for the schools listed below until the Minister *has lodged “au Greffe” a Proposition on this matter* for debate and approval –

Jersey College for Girls

Jersey College for Girls Preparatory School

Victoria College

Victoria College Preparatory School

De La Salle College (primary and secondary)

Beaulieu Convent School (primary and secondary)

FCJ Primary School

St. George’s Preparatory School

St. Michael’s Preparatory School.”.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this amendment.