

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 2010**

Question

What energy savings targets, if any, have been set for the year 2011 for each of the secondary institutions under the aegis of the Education, Sport and Culture Department?

Answer

We are not in a position at this stage to set energy targets for individual schools, however Property Holdings is currently considering options in the context of energy management across the States. The Education, Sport and Culture department looks forward to taking part in that process and working with Property Holdings to implement any measures to reduce energy consumption in all facilities under the aegis of the department, including all schools.

As far as the schools are concerned, energy costs represent a significant element of their budgets, and it is therefore in the interests of the head teachers to ensure that heating costs are minimised.

Pending any changes in States energy management, consumption of water, gas and electricity is monitored by each school on a monthly or quarterly basis dependent on billing arrangements with the suppliers. The consumption of heating oil is rather more difficult to track with complete accuracy, as fuel tanks tend to be filled up when they are becoming empty, rather than at regular times during the year.

A trial study on energy consumption in a number of schools has recently been carried out by Property Holdings. The heating energy used for a given floor area and the electrical energy (small power and lighting) used for a given floor area was compared to benchmark figures available. It is now planned to extend this study to all States schools and colleges.

In general it was found that the heating performance of Jersey schools is good and the electrical performance average.