WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HÉRISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JULY 2010

Question

"What annual grants, if any, have been made to schools in the private sector in each of the last 3 years? Would the Minister specify by school and advise what the purpose is of these grants?"

Answer

The following grants have been provided to private schools over the past three years.

School	2008	2009	2010
Beaulieu	1,639,496.00	1,828,833.00	1,773,649.00
De La Salle	1,784,841.00	1,859,951.00	1,936,262.00
Convent FCJ	439,436.00	463,267.00	472,493.00
St George's	171,551.00	189,447.00	192,320.00
St Michael's	382,256.00	402,896.00	388,962.00

It has been the Department's policy for many years to provide financial assistance to private schools to support the delivery of the curriculum to pupils attending those schools.

Funding has been provided on the basis of pupil numbers. Generally, secondary schools are allocated the equivalent of 50 percent of the cost of educating a pupil in a States school and primary schools are allocated 25 percent of the cost.

Providing financial assistance to these schools was considered to be cost effective as it enabled them to keep their fees at an accessible level thereby reducing the demand for places in the States provided sector.

This policy is currently under review.