QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

From	Deputy L. C. Queripel
То	President, Committee for Education, Sport & Culture
Subject	Mobile phone and device use in Schools
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Question 1

Les Beaucamp High School recently banned their pupils from using mobile phones, and other such personal mobile devices, during school hours whilst they are in the school. Bearing in mind that the members of this Assembly often say the States needs to encourage an inclusive society at all times, do the President and his committee have any concerns that banning the use of personal mobile devices at Les Beaucamp school, whilst allowing the use to continue to take place in other States run schools, could result in the pupils at Les Beaucamp feeling excluded and therefore disadvantaged in any way?

Question 2

A survey undertaken by the London School of Economics in 2015, found that banning the use of mobile phones and personal mobile devices by pupils whilst they were at school, greatly improved their levels of education, due to their being able to concentrate on their lessons without distraction and interruption. It also reduced cyber bullying and protected the mental health of pupils. Bearing that all in mind, can the President tell me please whether or not he and his committee have any concerns in relation to pupils here in Guernsey having access to their personal mobile devices whilst they're at school?

Question 3

Can the President tell me please who actually monitors pupils using personal mobile devices in our States run schools where they are permitted, to ensure those pupils are using them for educational purposes: how is that monitoring actually done and what happens to a pupil if they are caught using their personal mobile devices for 'other things' aside from educational purposes?

Question 4

Can the President please tell me if he and his committee feel there are benefits to allowing pupils in our States run schools to access their personal mobile devices, such as mobile phones, during school hours on school premises and if they do, can he tell me please what they feel those benefits are?

Question 5

Can the President tell me please whether or not there are a sufficient amount of school computers in our States run schools, for all the pupils to access for educational purposes during school hours?