ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Thirteenth Sitting of Ministers Question Time

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Tuesday, 3rd November 2026 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber

Education Review Report - March 2025

1. **Address by the Speaker**

2. **Questions:**
   (Questions have been listed in alphabetical order but will be selected randomly for response during the meeting)

The Hon Clint Beard:
Can the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment provide an update on facilities upgrades and cost allocated in respect of COBIS for the next 3 financial years which is prescribed as Standard 3 in COBIS compliance?

The Hon Ronald Coleman:
Can the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this Council whether refurbishing Harford and St Paul's Primary Schools, proposed as the most affordable option under the reorganisation agreed in 2024, represented good value for children's education at the time and for the foreseeable future, and explain what went wrong so soon after the commencement of the project?

The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:
Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this Council what is the current situation relating to the review of post compulsory education, and what are the next steps planned?

The Hon Denis Leo:
The report highlighted that 50% of primary and 62% of secondary teachers were qualified below Level 4, can the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment provide a progress report on the initial teacher training pathways and detail what specific measures have been taken since the July 2026 budget to improve local wages and stem the ongoing shortage of qualified staff?

The Hon Robert Midwinter:
Can the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this Council what progress has been made towards achieving COBIS Standard 10 – Extra-Curricular, enrichment and engagement?

The Hon Derek Thomas:
Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this Council what action is being taken to ensure that the curriculum, will provide appropriate opportunities for Vocational training both in Secondary School and Post Sixteen?

The Hon Julie Thomas:
Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills & Employment tell this Council, noting the Education Review's mandate to secure school site boundaries to international standards, approved during my tenure as Chief Minister, and in light of my role as Children's Champion, how the September 2026 infrastructure pause and subsequent building delays affect our immediate safeguarding obligations and our timeline for full COBIS compliance by 2030/31?