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The government has reacted favourably to those on low incomes with the latest announcement of a €100 cheque for all French citizens who take home less than €2,000 per month. The Prime Minister explained that it was in response to the rise in energy prices. Those eligible include people who are salaried, self-employed or retired but also students who qualify under certain conditions.

Support has not come from all sectors however. Pierre Chasseray who represents the 40 Millions d'Automobilistes association says that they would have preferred a reduction on VAT on fuel as a more beneficial measure.

Among the other announcements yesterday by Jean Castex is the blocking of gas prices until the end of 2022. The government had originally planned to lift this block on price rises in April.

There has been a good start for the flu vaccination campaign this year. The campaign has been started 4 days ahead of the usual winter schedule due to the Covid-19 epidemic. The Scientific Council has stated that they expect a full return of the flu virus this winter.

At the start of the Toussaint holidays this evening, there may be disruptions on train services. One TGV Atlantique out of 3 has been canceled today and 1 in 3 for this weekend due to a surprise strike by railway workers over poor working conditions.

And finally to football tonight on the 11th day of Ligue 1. St Etienne plays Angers at 9 pm and they need to win tonight having lost all matches since the start of the season.