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One of the burning issues of the new school year is the reform of unemployment benefits. The topic was discussed yesterday in the National Assembly with the Minister of Labor, Olivier Dussopt, calling on MPs to rid conversation of "false debates and caricatures". According to him, his aim is not intended to "blame" the French who are out of work but rather to highlight rights to benefits to those who cannot find a job. A government report has found that a third of eligible people do not take the steps to claim it.

Alexis Kohler keeps his post as secretary general of the Elysée. Mr Kohler has been indicted for "conflict of interests" and has not been dismissed. There was an alleged conflict of interest because of his links with the MSC shipowner, a complaint brought up by the Anticor association. Mr Kohler "forcefully denies having committed any offence".

Elisabeth Borne announces financial aid for French citizens who host Ukrainian refugees. It will be paid from the end of November although the amount has not yet been made public. More than 100,000 Ukrainians have been welcomed to France, including 19,000 schoolchildren.

Petrol stations in France may soon run dry. Filling up may become complicated as strike action blocks six of Total Energies' eight refineries. Some motorists have been unable to refuel for several days. At the heart of this industrial action is the CGT, who is bringing up the issue of wages. As a precaution, France has strategic stocks of fuel to meet needs for 90 days.

Donald Trump has filed a complaint against CNN for defamation. The former American president has accused the news channel of trying to torpedo his candidacy for the presidential elections in 2024. Trump hopes to sue CNN for $475 million in damages.

And finally, a judo legend now stands at the Grévin museum. Clarisse Agbégnénou now has a wax statue in Paris which will be officially opened to visitors today. She has won two Olympic titles, five world championships and five European titles.