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The budget goes before the Constitutional Council today. The Prime Minister and the rightwing party the Rassemblement National have filed appeals to the nine-person college known as the Sages. Sébastien Lecornu wants to draw the Council's attention to measures relating to taxation and restrictions on tax loopholes. The Rassemblement National party has numerous complaints about the budget, including a new restriction on funding for driving licences via the Personal Training Account, the CPF.

The pupil accused of stabbing his teacher in Sanary-sur-Mer is due to appear before an investigating judge today. The 14-year-old has been taken into police custody and has admitted that the attack was premeditated due to feeling hatred towards his art teacher. He had already planned to attack his teacher last week before changing his mind. Meanwhile, the teacher's family have said that she is in a critical condition and is expected to remain in that state for at least five days.

France is not ready for an ageing population. This is the warning issued by the Ministry of Health's statistics department in a study published today. By 2050, there will be 23 million more people over the age of 60. According to the Drees, 365,000 additional places will need to be created in nursing homes and retirement homes and they will have to hire between 150,000 and 200,000 extra staff.

And finally, to rugby and the Six Nations Championship gets underway tonight. In a first for the competition, it is starting on a Thursday evening so as not to clash with tomorrow's opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics. France is in the very first match of the tournament, going up against Ireland at the Stade de France at 9.10pm.