



King Charles to Purchase Two Helicopters as Crown Income Soars, Revealing £1m Flight Costs

Description

King Charles is preparing to upgrade his aging helicopters this year as the Crown Estates' profits surged to £1.1 million last year.

The monarchy is set to receive an additional £45 million in funding during the 2025/2026 financial year, thanks to the rising profits in 2023/2024. This increase is due to the Sovereign Grant, which allocates 12% of the net profits of the Crown Estate to the royal family based on funds earned two years prior.

Despite the boost in funding, the household's income will remain at £86.3 million in the 2024/2025 financial year. This money is used to cover the expenses of running the royal household and supporting the monarchy's activities, including transportation to formal events.

To replace over 170 helicopter journeys, the royalty will acquire two new AgustaWestland AW139s. Additionally, initiatives are in place to make the monarchy more eco-friendly, with plans for solar panels at Windsor Castle and the conversion of two State Bentleys to run on biofuel.

The Crown plans to focus on sustainability and efficiency in the coming years, with investments in green technologies and initiatives. These developments reflect a modern approach to monarchy, embracing new technologies while upholding traditional values.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Upgrade** /'ʌp.greɪd/ (verb): To raise to a higher grade or standard.
2. **Initiatives** /ɪ'nɪʃ.ə.tɪv/ (noun): New plans or actions to achieve a specific goal.
3. **Sustainability** /sə'steɪ.nə'bɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level.
4. **Allocation** /,æ.l.ə'keɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The action or process of distributing something.
5. **Profits** /'prɒf.ɪts/ (noun): Financial gains after expenses have been subtracted.
6. **Monarchy** /'mɒn.ə.ki/ (noun): A form of government with a monarch at the head.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What is the reason for the additional £45 million in funding for the monarchy in the 2025/2026 financial year?
 - Option: Rising profits in 2023/2024
 - Option: Increased taxation
 - Option: Foreign donations
 - Option: Inheritance from a wealthy donor

2. How many new AgustaWestland AW139s will the royalty acquire to replace over 170 helicopter journeys?
 - Option: One
 - Option: Three
 - Option: Two
 - Option: Four

3. What initiatives are in place to make the monarchy more eco-friendly?
 - Option: Solar panels at Windsor Castle
 - Option: Wind turbines at Buckingham Palace
 - Option: Hydrogen fuel cells for carriages
 - Option: Coal power plants for heating

4. What is the Crown's focus in the coming years?
 - Option: Sustainability and efficiency
 - Option: Luxury and extravagance
 - Option: Isolation and seclusion
 - Option: Opulence and grandeur

5. What traditional values does the monarchy aim to uphold while embracing new technologies?
 - Option: Innovation and progress
 - Option: Conservation and preservation
 - Option: Honor and duty
 - Option: Austerity and simplicity

6. What type of vehicles will be converted to run on biofuel?
 - Option: State Bentleys
 - Option: Crown Coaches
 - Option: Royal Limousines
 - Option: Palace SUVs



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Rising profits in 2023/2024 2. Two 3. Solar panels at Windsor Castle 4. Sustainability and efficiency 5. Honor and duty 6. State Bentleys

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term used to describe a strong negative reaction to something?

- Option: A. Controversy
- Option: B. Regret
- Option: C. Sensitivity
- Option: D. Backlash

2. Which term refers to the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level?

- Option: A. Upgrades
- Option: B. Sustainability
- Option: C. Advocating
- Option: D. Initiatives

3. What do businesses aim to maximize as a measure of financial success?

- Option: A. Profits
- Option: B. Allocation
- Option: C. Monarchy
- Option: D. Regret

4. Which term describes the act of publicly supporting a particular cause or policy?

- Option: A. Unintentional
- Option: B. Advocating
- Option: C. Sensitivity
- Option: D. Sustainability

5. What term is used to describe improving something to a better version or standard?

- Option: A. Sensitivity
- Option: B. Monarchy
- Option: C. Upgrade
- Option: D. Controversy



6. What is a form of government with a monarch at the head?
Option: A. Monarchy
Option: B. Allocation
Option: C. Sensitivity
Option: D. Profits
7. Which term refers to a feeling of sadness or disappointment over an occurrence?
Option: A. Controversy
Option: B. Regret
Option: C. Sensitivity
Option: D. Upgrade
8. What describes an action or event that was not deliberate or planned?
Option: A. Advocating
Option: B. Unintentional
Option: C. Backlash
Option: D. Initiatives
9. Which term describes prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion?
Option: A. Sensitivity
Option: B. Initiatives
Option: C. Controversy
Option: D. Allocation
10. What term refers to being responsive to changes or stimuli?
Option: A. Advocating
Option: B. Sensitivity
Option: C. Upgrades
Option: D. Profits

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ refers to the action or process of distributing something.
12. Companies often undertake new _____ to improve their products or services.
13. It is essential to _____ technology regularly to stay competitive.
14. The controversial decision received significant _____ from the public.
15. Despite his success he expressed _____ for not spending more time with his family.
16. _____ practices aim to minimize environmental impact while maintaining



profitability.

17. In a _____ the ruler's position is typically hereditary.
18. The news article sparked a heated _____ among readers.
19. Businesses strive to increase their _____ through successful operations.
20. The celebrity has been _____ for animal rights for many years.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. A good leader should possess emotional to the needs of their team members. |
| 22. The group was actively for equal rights in the community. |
| 23. His remark was merely an slip of the tongue not meant to offend anyone. |
| 24. It's time to our systems to meet the latest security standards. |
| 25. The company launched several new to reduce its carbon footprint. |
| 26. The controversial decision led to a significant public . |
| 27. He expressed deep for not attending his friend's wedding. |
| 28. The company saw a substantial increase in after implementing the new marketing strategy. |
| 29. The film's plot twist sparked heated among critics and audiences alike. |
| 30. Effective resource is crucial for project success. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. D. Backlash 2. B. Sustainability 3. A. Profits 4. B. Advocating 5. C. Upgrade 6. A. Monarchy 7. B. Regret 8. B. Unintentional 9. C. Controversy 10. B. Sensitivity

Gap-Fill: 11. Allocation 12. initiatives 13. upgrade 14. backlash 15. regret 16. Sustainability 17. monarchy 18. controversy 19. profits 20. advocating

Matching sentence: 1. sensitivity 2. advocating 3. unintentional 4. upgrade 5. initiatives 6. backlash 7. regret 8. profits 9. controversy 10. allocation



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