



## Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly

# Parliamentary Question

May 2015

Date for Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(For Official Use Only)

**Mr. Ezzard Miller, MLA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Member of the Legislative Assembly)

**North Side**

Constituency \_\_\_\_\_

**Honourable Tara Rivers, JP, MLA**

To Ask \_\_\_\_\_

(Elected Member)

**Minister of Education, Employment and Gender Affairs**

(Responsible for)

### Questions

(Questions being Answered are to be typewritten and submitted to the Clerk)

**Can the Honourable Minister say what is the Government's policy on recruiting teachers from Cuba?**

Chief Officer/ EE&GA  
Head of Department

Please assist by supplying information for answer to above

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

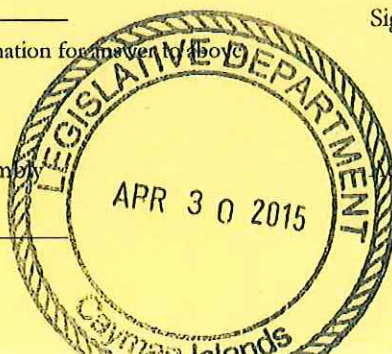
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**Mr. Ezzard Miller, MLA**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(M.L.A.)

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**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY THE ELECTED MEMBER  
FOR THE CONSTITUENCY OF NORTH SIDE  
TO  
THE HONOURABLE, MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & GENDER AFFAIRS**

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**Question:** Can the Honourable Minister say what is the Government's policy on recruiting teachers from Cuba?

**Answer:** Madam Speaker, the Government has been using the National Recognition Information Centre, known as NARIC, since 2008. NARIC is the UK National Agency that provides the only official source of information on international education and training systems and wide-ranging international qualifications and skills attained from outside the UK.

UK NARIC is used by the Cayman Islands Department of Education Services (DES) to authenticate the qualifications of persons who are shortlisted to fill any posts that have been advertised. Any qualification that is not listed in the database can be vetted by NARIC, particularly if the certification is available. When in doubt, the DES can send the information to NARIC and they provide a comparative analysis.

Teachers are considered (shortlisted and offered an interview) and hired from all countries provided they meet the minimum criteria to be recognized as a teacher in our system (a Bachelor Degree, teaching qualification and minimum two years post qualification teaching experience). As part of that consideration, an individual's qualification is verified through NARIC to ensure that it meets the minimum criteria. This verification compares qualifications from around the world to ensure that they are at the Bachelor's Level and/ or are recognized as confirming Qualified Teachers Status (QTS). Consequently if a qualification from a specific institution in Cuba was recognized by NARIC the DES would accept it.

Thank you Madam Speaker.