



PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 24 Answered on 15th October, 2025 Second Meeting 2025-2026 Session - First Sitting

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY

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TO

THE HON. ROLSTON ANGLIN, FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION & TRAINING

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister confirm whether Government will consider:

- (a) increasing the Early Childhood Assistance Programme (ECAP) funding cap, given that the current CI\$812 per month falls short of the fees charged by most licensed preschools; and
- (b) linking support to household income and average preschool fees, to ensure assistance reflects both family circumstances and the real cost of care?

ANSWER:

Yes, the Government will consider both:

- (a) increasing the Early Childhood Assistance Programme (ECAP) funding cap; and
- (b) linking future support levels to household income and average preschool fees, to ensure that assistance more accurately reflects family circumstances and the real cost of early childhood care.