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TO

THE HON. ROLSTON M. ANGLIN, MINISTER OF FINANCE & ECONOMIC
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QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister advise what financial or technical assistance, if any, the Government has provided to private early childhood centres in the last five years to help them remain open and maintain quality standards, and how many centres have benefited from such assistance?

ANSWER:

No grants were issued directly to private early childhood centres over the past five years. The Ministry of Education and Training, through the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Unit, has continued to deliver sector-wide support aimed at raising quality, improving safety, and promoting inclusion across all 36 registered private early childhood centres.

Key achievements include:

- **Enhanced Quality and Compliance:** Regular health and safety reviews were conducted in collaboration with key agencies, including the Fire Services, Department of Environmental Health, Hazard Management Cayman Islands, Public Health, the Office of Education Standards (OES), and the Ministry of

Education and Training, enabling every centre to access the resources needed to meet the required standards.

- **Improved Centre Ratings:** Targeted interventions have resulted in measurable improvements across the early childhood sector, with two centres progressing from ‘Weak’ to ‘Satisfactory’, five centres moving from ‘Satisfactory’ to ‘Good’, and two centres advancing from ‘Good’ to ‘Excellent’.
- **Professional Development:** Monthly initiatives such as the Teaching and Learning Café, SENCO Connection, and Leadership Lab continue to strengthen teaching practice and leadership capacity across the early years sector.
- **Direct Family Support:** While the Ministry of Education and Training does not provide direct funding to private early childhood centres, families benefit from the Early Childhood Assistance Programme (ECAP). In the current year, the Ministry supported 110 children through funding, enabling greater access to early learning opportunities.
- **Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing:** The Ministry hosted the Inspiring Progress, Raising Standards Conference in May 2024, in partnership with the OES. The event focused on strengthening quality and promoting a culture of continuous improvement across the early years sector.

Collectively, these actions underscore the Ministry’s ongoing leadership and investment in early childhood education—promoting access for Caymanian children to safe, high-quality, and inclusive early learning opportunities.