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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
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TO

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

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister state the Ministry's view on the value and importance of further expanding early childhood education, and confirm whether any analysis of the long-term return on investment has been carried out; and if so, will he publish it so the public can see the case for the investment?

ANSWER:

From 2009–2013 when I was Minister of Education I declared Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) as the number one priority in Education. I created the first fully staffed ECCE unit in the Ministry of Education.

I negotiated with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office during the budget preparation stage to allow the government to borrow approximately $13 million in order to address critical infrastructure needs across multiple primary schools, this paved the way to re-introduce reception classes (which had been discontinued for years). For example:

a) Sir John A Cumber Primary School
b) Bodden Town Primary School
c) Savannah Primary School
d) George Town primary School

This led to a modern ECCE curriculum being implemented. Unprecedented training and lifting of standards across all centres took place during this term.
There have been no formally documented cost-benefit analyses on the long-term return on investment.

What is beyond a shadow of a doubt, is that ECCE provides the greatest return on Investment (ROI) in a human's education journey, whilst such a calculation will inherently be subjective. As we work on enhancing & expanding the provision of ECCE, we will go about quantifying the impact in order to calculate the ROI.