



PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 44
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

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

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister provide, for each of the past three financial years, the Government's spending on Early Childhood Education, showing how much the Government allocated to:

- (a) the Early Childhood Assistance Programme
- (b) the ECCE Unit staffing and operations
- (c) support for early childhood centres in government schools
- (d) grants to private providers; and
- (e) any capital expenditure and maintenance, and stating the percentage that total Early Childhood Education spending represented of the Government's overall education budget in each year?

ANSWER:

- (a) the Early Childhood Assistance Programme – TP 27
 - 2022 - \$736,987.50
 - 2023 - \$790,349.18
 - 2024 - \$535,568.50

(b) the ECCE Unit staffing and operations – MEG700

- 2022 - \$539,763.80
- 2023 - \$573,870.10
- 2024 - \$570,373.26

(c) Government schools have reception classes, and early year provision goes up to age 7. Each of these classes has a teacher and one or more assistant teachers. Each class is outfitted with age-appropriate resources and outdoor play areas. In addition, the North East Nursery supports children from East End & North Side & there is the Cayman Brac Nursery.

(d) No grants were paid to private providers relating to Early Childhood Education in the past three years

(e) In 2023, \$127,178.80 was spent on the East End Nursery, and that was 0.33% of the 2023 capital budget. As reception classes are part of the main school structure, it is more difficult to ascertain exact maintenance cost as those generally occur as whole school projects, for example, painting.