



PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



URGENT QUESTION NO. 1

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**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY**

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TO

**THE HON. ROLSTON ANGLIN
MINISTER FOR FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
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QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister say if he has any Urgent plans to fund the Bus wardens and drivers over the summer holidays break with the usual accommodation, especially with the parliament not meeting again until after the summer school break and schools end their terms this said week, has the government considered this and what's the way forward?

ANSWER:

The short answer is yes.

I am aware of the concerns that have been raised regarding the employment arrangements and summer income of school bus wardens and drivers, and I want to assure this Honourable House that this matter is currently under active consideration.

In fact, on 23 June 2026, I convened a meeting with school bus owners and operators to discuss a range of issues relating to the school transportation system, including the long-standing question of summer employment arrangements for bus wardens and drivers.

During those discussions, it was acknowledged that the current model has resulted in recurring requests for Government support to assist with summer wage costs. We discussed the need to identify a more sustainable long-term solution that reduces reliance on annual funding requests while ensuring that bus wardens and drivers are treated fairly and appropriately.

I made it clear during the meeting that this issue should not be viewed in isolation. Rather, it forms part of a broader review of our school transportation system and our shared responsibility to ensure that children are transported safely to and from school each day.

The meeting also formed part of my vision around early work towards the development of a Safer Busing Initiative, which I intend to advance over the coming year. This initiative will focus on strengthening student safety, improving driver accountability, enhancing operational standards, leveraging technology to support monitoring and oversight, and ensuring that school transportation services continue to meet the expectations of Caymanian families.

I firmly believe that student safety must extend beyond the school gate and that every child should be able to travel safely from home to school and back home again each day.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss a broad range of issues aimed at improving student safety and strengthening the overall school transportation system. These discussions included:

- Reviewing employment and compensation arrangements for bus wardens and drivers to ensure greater sustainability and alignment with contractual obligations;
- Exploring the introduction of enhanced safety technology, including camera systems, GPS tracking, geofencing, and real-time monitoring capabilities, subject to compliance with applicable data protection and privacy legislation;
- Examining opportunities to improve communication and collaboration among bus operators, including the sharing of information, best practices, and technology solutions;
- Reviewing operational challenges affecting service delivery, including traffic congestion, route management, vehicle standards, fleet improvements, and air-conditioning upgrades;
- Expanding professional development opportunities for bus wardens and drivers, including de-escalation and behaviour management training through Team Teach; and
- Exploring opportunities for greater collaboration among operators to reduce costs and improve service delivery through shared procurement and technology solutions.

Importantly, I also advised bus operators that I intend to pursue legislative reforms aimed at strengthening accountability and improving safety within the school transportation system.

Concerns have been raised regarding speeding by both school bus drivers and members of the public in the vicinity of school buses. The safety of our children must always come first, and I believe that stronger measures are needed to reinforce this principle.

The proposed reforms will not only consider the conduct of school bus drivers but will also examine the actions of members of the public who endanger children during the

loading, unloading, or transportation process. The objective is to create a stronger legislative framework that provides greater protection for children and reinforces accountability for all road users.

The Government is committed to ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of students remain at the centre of all decisions relating to school transportation. To that end, the Ministry of Education and Training is working closely with the Department of Education Services, bus operators, the Attorney General's Chambers, and other stakeholders to develop and implement the Safer Busing Initiative, while also identifying both short-term and long-term solutions to the employment and operational challenges facing the sector.

This work will include consideration of enhanced legislative provisions relating to school bus safety, stronger penalties for speeding and other unsafe driving behaviours, improved monitoring and accountability measures, the potential use of technology to support enforcement, and the continued rollout of training and support for bus wardens and drivers.

The Department and Ministry will continue to maintain ongoing dialogue with bus owners and operators as we advance the Safer School Busing Initiative and work collaboratively with the Attorney General's Chambers, parents, and other key stakeholders to strengthen the school transportation system. Over the coming months, my Ministry and I will focus on advancing legislative reforms, improving operational standards, exploring the use of technology to enhance safety and accountability, and identifying sustainable solutions to the challenges facing the sector. Through these efforts, we remain committed to ensuring that every child has access to safe, reliable, and high-quality transportation services and that student safety remains at the centre of every decision we make regarding school transportation.

Thank you.