

SECONDARY

EXAMINATIONS

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SC & HSC EXAMINATIONS - FEES - SUBSIDY

(24.11.2020)

(No. B/970) Mrs A. Navarre-Marie (Fourth Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology whether, in regard to the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations, she will state if she proposes to extend grants of fees to students whose parents have lost their jobs as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Reply: The House will recall that, in 2015, Government introduced a scheme for 100% subsidy on the SC/HSC/GCE examination fees, which covers any school candidate satisfying the following -

- (i) They should be sitting for these examinations for the first time, and (ii) should meet the attendance requirement of at least 90%.

This applies to all school candidates, whether their parents are in employment or not.