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ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS GRANT-AIDED COLLEGES - GRANT FORMULA - REVIEW (18.07.2023)

(No. B/1083) **Dr. A. Boolell (First Member for Belle Rose & Quatre Bornes)** asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology whether, in regard to grant-aided colleges, she will state if consideration will be given for a review of the grants formula established by Private Secondary Education Authority therefor and, if not, why not.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun): Mr Speaker, Sir, the grant formula is reviewed at regular intervals of three years. The last review exercise, which covered period 2020 to 2023, has been implemented since 01 November 2020 and will lapse in December 2023.

Mr Speaker, Sir, accordingly, a Technical Working Group has been set up under the Chair of the Senior Chief Executive of my Ministry and comprising representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, the Office of the Public Sector Governance, the Private Secondary Education Authority, to review the grant formula in respect of the period 2024 to 2026.

Mr Speaker, Sir, the Federation of Union of Managers was informed accordingly and they have been invited to submit their proposals which have been received by the Technical Working Group. The Technical Working Group is expected to submit its report by the end of September 2023.

Dr. Boolell: Can the Vice-Prime Minister state how many times the Technical Group has met?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Mr Speaker, Sir, it has been set up for some time now. In February 2023, the Technical Working Group was set up and they have been examining the proposals made, I suppose, on a fortnightly basis. But I do not have the exact figure.

Dr. Boolell: Thank you very much, Madam. I know you have not said the date, but when do you think the Committee will submit its report?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: I have just mentioned, September 2023.

Dr. Boolell: Okay, thank you.