

## **PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS – GRANT (19/06/12)**

**(No. B/335) Mrs L. Ribot (Third Member for Stanley & Rose Hill)** asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the pre-primary schools, he will state the number of children –

- (a) attending same, and
- (b) who do not benefit from the grant of Rs200, indicating the reasons therefor.

**Reply:** With regard to part (a) of the question the number of children attending preprimary schools was 29,907 as at February 2012.

Regarding part (b) of the question, 1,378 out of the 29,907 do not benefit from the grant. This is explained by the fact that -

- (i) 232 children attend pre-primary schools where the total number of children is less than 10, the basic requirement to register as per the ECCEA (Registration of Pre- Primary Schools) Regulations 2011;
- (ii) 1,042 children attend 16 pre-primary schools which have opted not to take the Per Capital Grant, and
- (iii) 104 children attend private pre-primary schools which are presently awaiting registration.