

YEAR 2005

PRE-SCHOOL TRUST FUND - SUPPLY TEACHERS (15/11/05)

(No. I B/503) Dr. R. Mungur (Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pre-School Trust Fund, information as to –

(a) the number of supply teachers currently being employed on a temporary basis, and

(b) whether the Fund proposes to retain their services on a permanent basis.

The Minister of Local Government (Dr. J. B. David): Mr Speaker, Sir, I wish to inform the House that recruitment of supply teachers by the Pre-School Trust Fund (PSTF) is resorted to in order to palliate for temporary shortage of teachers in the pre-school units. These supply teachers are employed on a temporary basis and are paid according to the number of days in attendance.

I am informed that, as this date, there are no supply teachers employed by the Pre-School Trust Fund (PSTF) as they were, on 28 October 2005, notified of the termination of their employment with effect from 11 November 2005 - the last day of the third term. There were 28 supply teachers who had been recruited in January and May 2004.

For academic year 2006, the PSTF has already advertised for the recruitment of 20 Pre-School teachers in January 2006. The supply teachers whose employment was terminated may apply for these posts and they will be considered along with other eligible applicants.

Dr. Mungur: Mr Speaker, Sir, can I know what is the age bar of the officers who are going to be recruited very soon?

Dr. David: Mr Speaker, Sir, from the notice of vacancy, I can see that the age limit is 45.

Dr. Mungur: Mr Speaker, Sir, I would like to know again if the hon. Minister will give due consideration to those officers who are actually in service, but may not qualify for the age bar of 45.

Dr. David: Well, Mr Speaker, Sir, I will pass on that request to the Minister of Education and Human Resources.