

**FREE TRANSPORT SCHEME – PRIVATE TECHNICAL
INSTITUTIONS (16/05/06)**

(No. B/536) Mr M. Allet (Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the free transport scheme, he will state Government policy in respect of students attending private technical institutions registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority.

Mr Gokhool: Mr Speaker, Sir, there is, at present, no Government policy on the issue of whether students attending Mauritius Qualifications Authority Registered Institutions should benefit from free travel scheme.

I am informed that the National Transport Authority has been requested to hold working sessions with the MQA with a view to looking into the advisability of students attending MQA registered institutions to benefit from free travel scheme.

The report of the National Transport Authority is still awaited. I would like to refer the hon. Member to the reply to the Parliamentary Question B/312 on 18 April 2006 and also as regards the Technical and Vocational Institutions, I would refer him to the press communiqué issued by the National Transport Authority on 19 October 2005. I am tabling a copy of the press communiqué.

(Interruptions)

Mr Speaker: Order, order! Members can go out and discuss!

(Interruptions)