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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ASSOCIATED BOARD OF ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC –

EXAMINATION FEES – PAYMENT MODALITY

(21.11.2023)

(No. A/22) Mr F. Quirin (Third Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology whether, in regard to students studying music on a private basis, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examination Syndicate (MES), information as to if the payment of the examination fees for the Associated Board of Royal School of Music is still being effected by the MES and, if so, give details thereof, if not, why not.

Reply: I am informed that in the past, the examinations for the Associated Board of Royal School of Music (ABRSM) was conducted by the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate (MES).

Candidates paid the examination fees and this included the fees to MES for conducting the examinations locally.

In 2021, candidates approached the MES to conduct the theory examinations and MES accordingly contacted ABRSM informing them that it is ready to collaborate and conduct the examinations. However, ABRSM stated they would rather have that the candidates apply directly and take part in online examinations run by ABRSM itself.

Candidates now sit for online examinations run by ABRSM and MES is not involved in the transfer of fees.