CAP MALHEUREUX - PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL – TEACHERS (11/06/13)

(No. B/483) Mr A. Gungah (First Member for Grand'Baie & Poudre D'or) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the pre-primary school of Cap Malheureux, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from District Council of Rivière du Rempart, information as to if vacancies for teachers exist thereat and, if so, if same will be filled, indicating when and, if not, why not.

Reply: I am informed by the Early Childhood Care and Education Authority that the Preprimary school run by the District Council of Rivière du Rempart at Cap Malheureux has only 1 teacher for its 31 pupils on roll. The Council has therefore been requested by the ECCEA to recruit an additional pre-primary teacher given that the teacher pupil ratio as per current ECCEA regulations provides that -

"In every pre-primary school, there shall be at least 1 educator for every 25 children."

I am informed that the filling of one additional vacant post in the grade of Pre-primary school teacher has been recommended on 08 May 2013 to the Local Government Service Commission and the vacancy will be advertised on 02 July 2013.

Meanwhile, the ECCEA is exploring the possibility of providing the services of a preprimary Teacher to the school to remedy the situation.