



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Hon. Taito Rokomatu to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister provide the following to Parliament –

- (a) a detailed breakdown of how the \$66 million allocated for Free Education has been utilised; and
 - (b) what measurable impact has it had on classroom resources, teacher-student ratios, and student performance.
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Response :

- (a) Detailed breakdown of how the \$66 million allocated for Free Education has been utilized;**

Schools have been receiving Free Education Grant (FEG) since 2014 and strong measures have been placed on the utilization of grant by schools to ensure all schools are well resourced – improved sanitation, water tanks and water supply. Hence,

there is no need for parents to send their children to urban schools.

It is mandatory for all schools to adhere to the Financial Management Handbook 2020.

The summary of the utilization for the \$66 million for the financial year 2024-2025 has been analysed below :

Terms	Amount (\$)	No. of Schools Paid
Term 2, 2024 50% Primary	\$ 5,488,047.58	695
Term 2, 2024 50% Secondary	\$ 5,261,668.44	175
Term 3, 2024 ECE	\$ 485,050.00	431
Term 3, 2024 Primary	\$ 11,156,547.74	710
Term 3, 2024 Secondary	\$ 10,403,371.88	175
Term 1, 2025 ECE	\$ 501,850.00	446
Term 1, 2025 Primary	\$ 11,101,210.44	706
Term 1, 2025 Secondary	\$ 10,172,454.26	176
Term 2, 2025 ECE	\$ 464,350.00	406
Term 2, 2025 50% Primary	\$ 5,364,388.52	676
Term 2, 2025 50% Secondary	\$ 5,180,389.11	174

	\$ 65,579,327.96	
Centralised Payments	\$ 313,465.30	9
Payment of utilised FEG	\$ 1,021,144.05	20
	\$ 66,913,937.31	

(b) What measurable impact has it had on classroom resources, teacher-student ratios, and student performance.

Schools have utilized FEG to upgrade learning resources like:

- Interactive panels
- Comm Box
- Overhead Projectors
- Laptops
- Desk top computers
- Tablets
- Internet upgrade and availability
- Desks
- Chairs
- Whiteboards
- TVET equipment, for TVET subjects such as Home Economics, Agriculture Science, , Vocational Studies , Industrial Arts, Computer Studies, Business Administration
- Physical Education, Music and Art & Craft (PEMAC) equipment
- Pre-Primary Recreational Resources
- Upgrading school libraries
- Science Labs – chemicals and apparatus

Teacher- Student ratios

While there is no direct impact of FEG on the teacher-student ratio, the FEG for each school depends on the number of students enrolled at each level.

Student Performance

- FEG allows us to achieve outcome-based learning objectives which in turn helps students academic performance.
- It also allows schools to conduct Professional Development (PD's) for teachers on student learning and strategies to improve student performance.
- Well maintained facilities such as upgraded classrooms, libraries, sanitation and recreational spaces improve attendance, morale, student focus (concentration) and performance.
- In most schools FEG is used to facilitate extra-curricular activities such as Cadet training, Duke of Edinburgh, Scouts, Girl Guides and other sporting activities provided to our students and strengthens their character and make them more responsible.