

**THE RESPONSE TO THE PRIVATE MOTION APPROVED IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON APRIL 22, 2016 ON THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S
PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER
(ADD)/ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)**

Background

1. On Friday April 22, 2016 the House of Representatives approved the following Private Motion:

WHEREAS it has been widely acknowledged internationally and/or locally that approximately 8 to 10% of children and adults suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD);

AND WHEREAS lack of diagnosis results in such children in preschools, primary and secondary schools being described as unmanageable, impetuous and displaying inappropriate behaviour;

AND WHEREAS the interventions into such dysfunctional behaviour can be described to be less than successful;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education initiate a programme in schools to:

1. Identify children with ADD/ADHD;
2. Train teachers to manage such students in the classroom; and
3. Implement a long-term strategy in schools to assist children, so identified.

Report

2. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 of the House of Representatives, the Leader of the House wishes to report that Government's revised strategy for students with ADD/ADHD is expected to be finalized by August 30, 2016. The timeline for the revised strategy is as follows:

- i. A protocol for early identification of students with ADD/ADHD including identification of instruments will be developed by May/June, 2016;
 - ii. A training programme for Teachers and special education personnel will be developed by June 2016;
 - iii. One hundred and nine (109) Special Education Teachers will be seconded to Student Support Services Division during June to August, 2016; and
 - iv. Resources for the implementation of strategy will be identified by July 2016.
3. A Ministerial Statement will be made in the House of Representatives at the appropriate time when the revised strategy for students with ADD/ADHD has been approved by the Cabinet.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leader of the House