

## **Parliamentary Questions**

**Questions in the Senate to the Hon. Minister of Education, Senator Hazel Manning.**

### **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

#### **QUESTION No. 62**

Question No.62 reads as follows:

**“Could the Minister provide the Senate with a detailed breakdown of the expenditure for the construction of schools during the period January 01, 2002 to December 31, 2006, under the following headings:**

- (i) Early Childhood Education Centres**
- (ii) Primary Schools, and**
- (iii) Secondary Schools?”**

#### **RESPONSE:**

Madam President, I am to inform this Honourable House as follows:

A total of two hundred and thirty-nine million, six hundred and eighty-one thousand, seven hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty-four cents

(\$239,681,713.34) was spent on the construction of forty-seven (47) schools for the period January 01, 2002 to December 31, 2006.

Madam President, our research has shown that there has been no period in the history of education in Trinidad and Tobago when so many schools have been built.

A breakdown of the expenditure for each category of schools is as follows:

E.C.C.E	-	18	=	21,700,000.00
Primary Schools	-	18	=	66,545,553.32
Secondary Schools	-	<u>11</u>	=	<u>151,456,160.02</u>
Total:		<u>47</u>		<u>\$239,701,713.34</u>

(i) **Early Childhood Care and Education Centres**

In 2006, the sum of twenty-one million, seven hundred thousand dollars (\$21,700,000.00) was spent on the construction of eighteen (18) Early Childhood Care and Education (E.C.C.E.) Centres. The expenditure was undertaken through the Education Facilities Company Limited (EFCL) which was established in 2005. The list of schools are detailed hereunder:

**Early Childhood Care and Education Schools Under Construction**

**(i) ECCE**

1. Santa Rosa
2. La Romain
3. St. Augustine South
4. Sangre Grande
5. El Socorro South
6. La Puerta
7. Mayaro
8. Petit Valley
9. San Pedro
10. Tacarigua
11. Ortoire
12. Lopinot/La Pastora
13. Valsayn
14. St. Sylvan ,Carapichaima
15. Little Gems Pentecostal
16. Chinapoo Village, Laventille
17. El Socorro North
18. Tulsi Manaas, Sangre Grande

**(ii) Primary Schools**

For the period January 01, 2002 to December 31, 2006, the sum of sixty-six million, five hundred and twenty-five thousand, five hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirty-two cents (\$66,545,553.32) was spent on the construction of eighteen (18) Primary Schools. A summary of the expenditure per annum is as follows:

<u>Year</u>		<u>Amount</u>
		\$
2002	-	33,033,197.12
2003	-	1,858,439.87
2004	-	13,782,989.31
2005	-	5,475,322.33
2006	-	<u>12,395,604.69</u>
Total:		<b><u>\$66,545,553.32</u></b>

The table below gives details of expenditure for each primary school for the period January 01, 2002 – December 31, 2006:

**Primary Schools Construction**

School	Total Expenditure \$

1.PrincesTown Presbyterian No.2	3,233,828.57
2.Moulton Hall Methodist	1,087,833.39
3.Western Boys R.C	603,700.31
4.South Oropouche Government	8,935,943.26
5.El Socorro South Government	8,707,798.80
6.Waterloo Hindu	6,667,919.86
7.Lengua T.I.A. T.I.A.	8,069,235.43
8.Pt. Fortin Anglican	16,608,099.18
9.New Grant Government	74,910.00
10.Icacos Government	4,302,760.63
11.St, Mary's Government	2,260,976.56
12.Tranquility Government	529,203.18
13.St. Barbara's Spiritual Shouter Baptist	902,078.76

14.Palo Seco Government	165,256.25
15.Arima West Government	529,203.16
16.Arima New Government	529,203.16
17.St.Paul's Anglican	3,317,602.82
18.D'Abadie Government	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,545,553.32</b>

(iii) For the period January 01, 2002 to December 31, 2006, the sum of one hundred and fifty-one million, four hundred and fifty-six thousand, one hundred and sixty dollars and two cents (\$151,456,160.02) was spent on the construction of eleven (11) Secondary Schools.

The following is the breakdown per annum:

<u>Year</u>		<u>Amount</u>
		\$
2002	-	5,157,954.29
2003	-	58,106,583.73
2004	-	42,967,946.11

2005	-	21,718,946.87
2006	-	<u>23,619,010.73</u>
		<b><u>\$151,456,160.02</u></b>

The Table below shows the Secondary Schools and gives details of the total expenditure for the period January 01, 2002 – December 31, 2006.

**Secondary Schools Construction**

School	Total Expenditure
1.Vishnu Boys' Secondary	\$ 20,899,368.74
2.Charlieville ASJA Boys' Secondary	23,301,048.97
3.Charlieville ASJA Girls' Secondary	22,786,597.41
4.Holy Name Convent, Pt. Fortin	8,247,133.63
5.Saraswati Girls' Hindu College	524,426.66
6.Barrackpore ASJA Girls' College	

	24,239,851.04
7.Sangre Grande SWAHA Hindu College	14,901,484.22
8.Tunapuna ASJA Girls' College	9,641,849.92
9.Palo Seco Government Secondary	10,437,556.60
10.Caroni Village SDMS Boys' Secondary	447,800.00
11.Miracle Ministries High School	16,029,042.83

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151,456,160.02</b>
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In conclusion, Madam President, our construction programme between 2002 – 2006 has been so successful that we have developed a number of policies and programmes for the sustainable development of our physical facilities from the ECCE to Secondary sectors.

These include:

- (i) The new National Model for Education that details the requirements for the development of physical facilities such as:
  - Site location
  - Square footage
  - Community involvement
  - Transparency
  - Accountability
- (ii) The policy on land banking and site location and land management based on demographic studies.
- (iii) The establishment of the Education Facilities Company in 2005 has made the construction process more efficient, more transparent and

accountable and has removed many bottlenecks, making the approach to construction more timely.

(iv) We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Denominational Boards to guide the process of property management, construction, up-grade, repairs of Government Assisted Early Childhood Centres.

(iv) We have negotiated the Memorandum of Agreement with Denominational Boards which would be signed shortly to guide the process of property management, construction, upgrade and repairs of Government Assisted Primary and Secondary Schools.

Implementation of an Asset Register managed by a web-based computerized Maintenance Management System is now underway collecting data on the status of all our physical facilities.

Madam President, we have also begun the rolling out of Wave II of our construction programme which began in October 2006.