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NO PROBLEM WITH EXAMS ON ELECTIONS DAY

The Caribbean Examination Council has confirmed that there is no issue in the holding of general elections during examination periods and further states that it is satisfied that all arrangements are in place for the proper conduct of this year's examinations.

In a letter to the Ministry of Education the Registrar of the Caribbean Examination Council, Didacus Jules has confirmed that there is no stipulation that member countries should not hold elections during examination periods.

He said; "It is patently inconceivable that a regional body could presume to set parameters on the exercise of as sovereign a decision as the setting of an election date."

Mr. Jules also pointed out that elections have, in the past, been held in other Caribbean jurisdictions during examination periods.

"Our procedures require that we liaise with national authorities to ensure that there are no conflicts between examination centres and polling stations and that all the necessary conditions for the conduct of a smooth examination are catered for" Mr. Jules added.

The CXC Registrar said, "We are satisfied that the arrangements in place will allow for the proper conduct of examinations."

The Ministry of Education wishes to further state that it will ensure that examinations are not negatively impacted by the general elections.