



**QUESTION NOTICE PAPER
OF THE
HONOURABLE JAMAICA HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 2020

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*** Mr. Robinson to ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Growth and Job Creation on the 8th day of December, 2020:**

- 1.** Would the Prime Minister please indicate the cost of the merger of HEART Trust/NTA, Jamaica Foundation for Lifelong Learning, National Youth Service, and the Apprenticeship Board?
- 2.** Would the Prime Minister please indicate if there has been an increase in the amount of senior management (directors and senior directors) since the merger and the costs associated with that additional staff?
- 3.** Would the Prime Minister please indicate the reduction in the 3% employer intake since the onset of Covid 19?
- 4.** How has this affected the HEART Trust in terms of its ability to deliver the projects and programmes slated for 2021?
- 5.** Will the HEART Trust have to draw down on its reserves if the current 3% intake level (post Covid) holds for 2021?
- 6.** What percentage of the HEART Trust budget is allocated for personnel and emoluments (excluding those directly involved in the delivery of training programmes) pre Covid and post Covid?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2020

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*** Mr. Paulwell to ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Growth and Job Creation on the 22nd day of December, 2020:**

- 1.** Can the Prime Minister confirm whether an appeal was made against the decision of the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) regarding mining at Puerto Bueno (Dry Harbour Mountain)?
- 2.** If the answer is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state when the application was received?
- 3.** Would the Prime Minister please indicate whether a hearing was held pursuant to the appeal?
- 4.** If the answer to Part 3 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state:
 - (a)** When the hearing was held?
 - (b)** Who heard the appeal?
 - (c)** Who were the parties that appeared at the hearing?
- 5.** Would the Prime Minister please indicate whether a decision was made to reverse the decision made by NEPA?
- 6.** If the answer to Part 5 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state:
 - (a)** Who made the decision?
 - (b)** The date on which the decision was made?
 - (c)** When residents/stakeholders were informed of the decision?
 - (d)** The basis of the reversal of NEPA's decision?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2020

4.

*** Dr. Brown Burke to ask the Minister of Education, Youth and Information on the 29th day of December, 2020:**

- 1.** Would the Minister state whether a report/assessment of the face-to-face reopening of schools (pilot programmes) has been done?
- 2.** If the answer to Part 1 is in the affirmative, would the Minister please indicate any gaps or breaches noted, and the plans for their mitigation and, in particular, would the Minister advise of those areas that require attention as per the Ministry of Health?

3. Will the Minister please indicate whether or not schools have moved from the pilot to full face-to-face opening?
4. Will the Minister say whether or not there has been a debriefing or discussion with principals/teachers for their feedback, and the factors being used to guide the next step after the pilot?
5. Would the Minister please provide details on the level of internet connectivity available to Jamaica's students?
6. Would the Minister also provide details regarding the arrangements in place to provide safe transportation services to students?
7. Would the Minister also provide details regarding the availability of sick bays and isolation areas in schools?

5.

*** Dr Brown Burke to ask the Minister of Education, Youth and Information on the 29th day of December, 2020:**

1. Would the Minister please provide an update on the number of students who have thus far submitted applications under the Own Your Own Device Incentive Programme?
2. Would the Minister please provide details of any difficulties encountered during implementation of the Programme?
3. Would the Minister please address the specific issues relating to the issuance of Student Registration Numbers (SRN), which are now a requirement?
4. Is the Minister aware that many students have not been issued with an SRN and, that this programme was either suspended or stalled, thus putting many at a disadvantage?
5. This being so, will the Minister extend the deadline or indicate the alternative remedy to ensure that our students are not disenfranchised?