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CRITICAL REFORM MEASURES IN EDUCATION

Minister of Education Hon. Phillip Jackson has emphasized that there is a renewed focus on strengthening literacy and numeracy at the primary level, noting that every child must be equipped with the ability to read, write and perform basic mathematics before transitioning to secondary education.

Delivering his address in Parliament earlier today, the Minister said this was one of the many key reform priorities under his ministry.

The Minister explained that the curriculum will be assessed to place greater emphasis on critical thinking, problem-solving and practical application, moving away from an overreliance on rote learning.

He added that there will also be a focus on modernising education delivery through the use of technology, as this will play a central role in addressing inequality, low productivity and limited economic participation, alongside targeted interventions for students who continue to struggle with foundational skills.

As part of this commitment, Minister Jackson announced that approximately 17 percent of the national budget, has been allocated to education, digital transformation, innovation and skills development.

He said the investment reflects Government's focus on transforming lives through meaningful action rather than slogans, and ensuring that public spending delivers real outcomes for students, families and communities.

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