



MEDIA RELEASE

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Dear Editor/Head of Department,

Teachers' Backpay Remains Priority as Verification Process Continues

The Ministry of Education advises that the settlement of teachers' backpay remains a priority and that financial provision for this purpose was already included in the Draft Estimates for Fiscal 2026, subject to the requisite approvals being granted. At present, the Ministry is actively engaged in the comprehensive process of compiling, verifying, auditing, and finalising teachers' backpay calculations. This exercise is necessary to ensure the accuracy, transparency, and integrity of all payments prior to disbursement.

The Ministry further clarifies that the funding request submitted as part of the Mid-Year Review was separate and distinct from the provisions made for teachers' backpay. The request related specifically to the settlement of the Ministry's financial obligations and operational commitments for the period July to September 2026, in keeping with its ongoing operational and fiscal responsibilities.

Accordingly, the funds requested during the Mid-Year Review were not earmarked for teachers' backpay, as financial provision for that purpose had already been identified within the Draft Estimates for Fiscal 2026. The backpay exercise therefore remains a separate process, currently focused on ensuring that all calculations are thoroughly verified before payments are processed.

The Ministry of Education remains committed to keeping stakeholders informed and will provide further updates as the verification, approval, and payment processes progress.

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