Government of Bermuda
Ministry of Education
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

For Written Responses on 20th November, 2026

Question 1: Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House of the system-wide results of the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test for the academic years 2018, 2019, 2024, 2025 and 2026, where testing was conducted, showing for each year and year level the percentage of students assessed who were below grade level, at grade level and above grade level?

Response: Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test for the academic year 2018 was not utilized until the fall of 2019. (see attached reports)

Question 2: Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House for each academic year from 2020/21 to 2025/26, of the number of government primary schools that did not achieve their School Improvement Plan objective for reading, and the number of those schools for which additional literacy intervention was implemented by the Department of Education?

Response:

School Year	Number of Schools	Interventions by schools
2020/21	8	8
2021/22	2	2
2022/23	4	4
2023/24	11	11
2024/25	5	5
2025/26	12	12

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MTSS Interventions for Reading (2020-2025)

1. **Heggerty:** A structured, research-based programme that develops students' phonological and phonemic awareness through explicit, systematic instruction in identifying, blending, segmenting, and manipulating sounds in spoken words.

2. **UFLI Foundations:** An evidence-based, systematic phonics programme developed by the University of Florida Literacy Institute that strengthens students' decoding, encoding (spelling), and word-reading fluency skills.

3. **AMIRA Learning:** An AI-powered reading assessment and tutoring platform that evaluates students' oral reading skills, identifies literacy gaps, and provides personalised reading practice and feedback to support reading development.

Question 3: Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House as at 30th September 2026, of the number of students enrolled in Bermuda public schools who are currently awaiting assessment or commencement of service for speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy, respectively, broken down by waiting periods of less than three months, three to six months, six to twelve months and more than twelve months?

Response: As of September 30, 2026, **two (2) students** enrolled in Bermuda public schools were recorded as awaiting initial therapeutic assessments across all three specified disciplines (Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy). **Zero (0) students** were recorded as awaiting the commencement of therapeutic services following an evaluation as of September 30, 2026.

The **two (2) individual students** were awaiting a total of **four (4) initial therapeutic assessments** as of September 30, 2026, broken down as follows:

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Therapeutic Discipline	Less than 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	More than 12 Months	Total Assessments Awaiting
Speech and Language Therapy	2	0	0	0	**2**
Occupational Therapy	0	0	0	0	**0**
Physical Therapy	2	0	0	0	**2**
Total Assessments	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**

**Note: Of the two (2) individual students awaiting assessment, they both require assessments in both Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy.*

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BPSS P3 to S3 Fall 2019 GMRT Comprehension Data									
Year Level	Below Level		On Level		Above Level		PHS		Total
P3	87	29%	25	8%	188	63%		0%	300
P4	184	49%	52	14%	136	37%		0%	372
P5	204	57%	45	13%	106	30%	1	0%	356
P6	221	64%	30	9%	93	27%	2	1%	346
M1	98	64%	4	3%	46	30%	4	3%	152
M2	142	66%	10	5%	59	28%	3	1%	214
M3	95	64%	3	2%	36	24%	15	10%	149
S1	157	55%	7	2%	92	32%	31	11%	287
S2	127	52%	15	6%	60	25%	40	17%	242
S3	82	41%	18	9%	57	29%	42	21%	199
S4	83	58%	5	3%	12	8%	43	30%	143
Totals	1480	54%	214	8%	885	32%	181	7%	2760

BPSS P2 to S4 May 2024 GMRT Comprehension Data									
Year Level	Below Level		On Level		Above Level		PHS		Total
Grade 3	136	49%	76	27%	68	24%	0	0%	280
Grade 4	163	62%	52	20%	45	17%	3	1%	263
Grade 5	179	68%	38	14%	47	18%	1	0%	265
Grade 6	60	76%	3	4%	14	18%	2	3%	79
Grade 7	49	58%	6	7%	23	27%	6	7%	84
Grade 8	52	55%	7	7%	17	18%	18	19%	94
Grade 9	83	38%	9	4%	88	41%	36	17%	216
Grade 10	94	47%	17	9%	46	23%	43	22%	200
Grade 11	75	41%	29	16%	39	22%	38	21%	181
Grade 12	69	51%	23	17%	0	0%	44	32%	136
Totals	**960**	**53%**	**260**	**14%**	**387**	**22%**	**191**	**11%**	**1798**

BPSS Grade 3 - Grade 12 May 2025 GMRT Comprehension Data									
Year Level	Below Level		On Level		Above Level		PHS		Total
Grade 3	118	41%	97	33%	75	26%	0	0%	290
Grade 4	129	52%	63	26%	52	21%	2	1%	246
Grade 5	145	59%	45	18%	54	22%	1	0%	245
Grade 6	139	65%	25	12%	48	22%	2	1%	214
Grade 7	134	60%	27	12%	51	23%	12	5%	224
Grade 8	109	49%	12	5%	64	29%	36	16%	221
Grade 9	106	51%	10	5%	45	22%	46	22%	207
Grade 10	76	35%	13	6%	66	31%	61	28%	216
Grade 11	94	54%	19	11%	20	12%	40	23%	173
Grade 12	104	59%	25	14%	0	0%	48	27%	177
Totals	**1154**	**52%**	**336**	**15%**	**475**	**21%**	**248**	**11%**	**2213**