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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether a policy has been implemented with regard to the implementation of a subsidy to employers to lower the cost of hiring young people without work experience; if not, why not; if so, what (a) is the date of implementation and (b) are the further relevant details?

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REPLY

A youth employment subsidy has not been implemented. It is still under discussion in government. There will also be discussions with other stakeholders on the question of youth employment. The youth employment subsidy proposed for consideration during the Budget stated that the subsidy was intended to be implemented so that young people would begin benefiting from the initiative by early next year, 2011.

The implementation date of a youth employment subsidy will depend on agreement and approval within Government regarding the design of the subsidy including who will be eligible, the value and duration of the subsidy, its fiscal cost and relevant legislative matters.