

Issue Paper 8 - Question 6.4 Response (Comment)

Secretariat,

I point to the comments made in page 42 of the paper in which it is stated "While noting this concern, the Committee is of the view the cost of sending of children to private and international schools is a choice made by parents".

While this is appreciated, the Committee has not seen it deemed to state the same for those who by choice nominate and stand for election to enter politics.

Has this been the incentive that has contributed to a large number of candidates vying to enter politics, knowing that a rebate under the taxation law benefits them.

This is daylight discrimination. One by choice to have children educated for the personal and national benefit cannot be given a same tax relief while the other enjoys a tax relief by choice to become a politician.

I say the election rebate should be abolished. I would suggest by doing this, the number of candidates will be less than what is been seen over the years. The cost of running election will be greatly reduced, less printing and quicker counting.

Kind regards,

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