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To the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs
Ms. S.E. Jacobs
p/a Council of Ministers
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, July 26, 2017

Re: Questions from MP C.M.M. Connor regarding education

Hon. Minister Jacobs,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. Claret M.M. Connor pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,



S.A. Wescot-Williams
President of Parliament



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Sint Maarten, July 24, 2017

The President of Parliament
Sarah A. Wescot-Willams
Present

Subject: Letter for Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs

Honorable President;

Via your office as President of Parliament I am requesting that the following questions taken from the budget debate of December last year, be forwarded to the to the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs, the Honorable Silveria Jacobs.

The questions that have been extracted from the list of questions, posed by various members of the United People's Party at the Public Meeting but has never been responded to by the Honorable Minister. I am therefore seeking once again an urgent response from the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs;

1. How were the problem with the school busses resolved?
2. There is an ordinance tertiary education. Is this going to be specifically for SVBO? Can USM be part of this? Is there any communication between the Ministry and USM to look into acknowledging this institution and to finance and to subsidize the institution?
3. Naf. 2.9 million has been allocated for NIPA. What is the certification program? Has an impact study been done? Was this aspect discussed with USM? Is a combination a possibility?
4. Improving the quality of education is important not only properties and buildings. Policies are not being exercised. How about the policy towards especially foundation based education? Are the requirements followed? Do these policies also apply to schools outside the public education? What are the possibilities to address private school that are not considered a school based on the business licenses obtained? Can the government establish a law to avoid certain unwanted developments to happen there?
5. What are the possibilities to provide short training to teachers who have recently arrived in Sint Maarten for example the culture of Sint Maarten? Because of the compulsory education, the question is if there is any way the government can



categorize children as visitors as to avoid that these children overstay and then have to be enrolled into school?

6. How does the compulsory education affect quality of education of students who can enroll any time throughout the year? What is the policy on building of schools? For the maintenance and for the cleaning of schools. - How does government determine what company clean the schools?
7. What is the working relationship between the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs and the Ministry of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure? Is there a designated person when repairs need to be done in a school? How much is budgeted for school repairs? Where does the government purchase materials? How much is allotted?
8. What qualifies a student to attend NIPA? When can a student be denied? Can I receive a copy of the policy to realize the plan to facilitate and stimulate cultural expressions?
9. Can you provide a detailed plan for the realization of culture in 2017 as far as cost is concerned?
10. Can you give a breakdown of the acquisition of the John Larmonie Center?
11. Can you provide me with details about the purchase, design and construction of the performance arts center?
12. How is the Minister intending to manage the subsidies given by government to all the institutions under your control. When was the last time the Minister met with the Boards of the various institutions. Can Parliament be provided with the minutes of these meetings. Are all the positions on the various boards falling your ministries filled and are these boards operating fully as described in articles of incorporation. Can you provide Parliament with the list of the various boards members receiving subsidy from OCJS.

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation, and looking forward to a favorable response, I remain,

Respectfully,


MP Claret M.M. Connor

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