

Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

Aan de Minister van Onderwijs, Cultuur, Jeugd en Sport Mevrouw S.E. Jacobs Administration Building Philipsburg

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Betreft: Aanbieding vragen lid S.V. Meyers-Olivacce

Excellentie,

Middels deze bied ik u aan een 24-tal vragen van het lid der Staten mevrouw S.V. Meyers-Olivacce ingevolge artikel 62 van de Staatsregeling van Sint Maarten en artikel 63 van het Reglement van Orde van de Staten.

Ik verwijs u kortheidshalve naar de inhoud daarvan.

drs. R.E. Samuel

Voorzitter der Staten



Sint Maarten, October 17, 2012

The President of Parliament drs. Rudolphe E. Samuel Present

Subject: Questions to the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports

Honorable President drs. R. Samuel;

The UP faction through you; hereby submits the questions posed to the Honorable Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports, Silveria Jacobs during Central Committee meeting No, 3, which was held on Monday, October 08, 2012 at 2:00 PM.

Study Financing

- 1. What was the amount of study financing that was approved?
- 2. How many students received study financing?
- 3. Where have these students gone to study?
- 4. Do students in the US have a mentor who can assist them with any challenges?
- 5. Do students who study in Aruba and/or Curacao have a mentor?
- 6. How many mentors assist students studying in the Netherlands?

Hanze Hogeschool Program and USM

1. What is the connection between Hanze Hogeschool and USM?

Genevieve de Weever Elementary School and Seventh Day Adventist School Construction Works

- 1. Which contractors were used to carry out the works to make sure the G. de Weever School would be ready for the new school year?
- 2. What amount of money had to be paid to this/these company('s) for the works at the G. de Weever School?
- 3. When was/were they brought in to do the works?
- 4. What type of works was carried out?
- 5. What is the state of affairs with respect to the Seventh Day Adventist School?

S4 Foundation and relationship with the Ministry of Education

- 1. How would you describe the current relationship between S4 and the Ministry of Education?
- 2. Does S4 provide annual reports to the Ministry of Education?
- 3. If S4 does provide reports, can you provide a copy of the last two annual reports?



Role of Sint Maarten House and the Ministry of Education

1. What role does the Ministry of Education foresee the Sint Maarten House playing in the Netherlands with respect to Education, Study financing, and assistance to students studying there?

Process to appoint school Managers and Assistant Managers in general and at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School

- 1. What is the procedure to appoint school Managers?
- 2. What is the procedure to appoint Assistant Managers?
- 3. What are the vacancies?
- 4. What positions have been filled and at which schools and when?

Position of Secretary General at the Ministry of Education

- 1. What is the current status of the position?
- 2. What selection process is being followed to appoint a Secretary General?

Minister's position with respect to Future Olympic Games and Sint Maarten's participation

1. What is the Ministry's position on future Olympic Games?

Facts and recommendations with regards to the University of Sint Maarten (USM)

- a. The University of Sint Maarten when started in 1989 was a vision of the Public and Private sector.
- b. Building a Country (Nation) without building a sustainable university is useless.
- c. Universities are the institutions of higher learning that build the human capital for its Country.
- d. Governments therefore must have a greater role to play in what constitutes the University of Sint Maarten.
- e. Government needs to have equal representation on the Board
- f. Government needs to have a say in what programs are offered
- g. Government needs to ensure its sustainability.
- h. Government needs to work out or enforce a policy where students go to university for the first two years on Sint Maarten and then move on to universities with agreements where accreditation is assured and USM student have automatic access.
- i. Government can treat the university like it treats all private institutions and take university under its wing to ensure its sustainability.
- j. Government should increase the university budget in increments according to its performance and deliveries to at least 2 million over the next few years.

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Trusting to have informed you adequately, and looking forward to the written answers from the Minister, we remain,

Respectfully,

MP Silvia V. Meyers-Olivacce, Faction Leader

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