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To the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
Drs. R.E. Samuel
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

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Re: Questions from MP M.D.Gumbs regarding Critical updates from the Ministry of ECYS

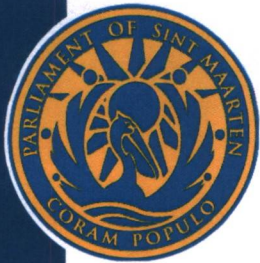
Hon. Minister Samuel,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Ms. M.D. Gumbs 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,

R. Brison
President of Parliament



Melissa D. Gumbs, M.I.B.

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Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to article 69 of the Rules of Order, I request your assistance with forwarding a set of questions to the Minister of ECYS, the Honorable Minister Rodolphe E. Samuel. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully,

Melissa D. Gumbs, M.I.B.
Member of Parliament
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Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

Sint Maarten, 25 January 2021

Minister of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs & Sports
Drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel
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Subject: Critical Updates from Ministry of ECYS

Honorable Minister Samuel:

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact countries worldwide, across a variety of sectors and industries. None have been so hard hit, however, as the education field and St. Maarten is no exception. With schools in differing stages of progress and online learning still largely the norm, I have prepared several questions below, requesting critical updates for various areas within the Ministry of ECYS.

1. Could you please provide an update on the iStep project, namely:
 - a. What is the status of the project?
 - b. Are devices still being distributed to students?
 - c. What database management methods have been applied to the device distribution?
2. Can you confirm that monies were allocated to the Ministry of ECYS from the Trust Fund?
 - a. On the floor of Parliament, an amount of \$30 million was mentioned as having been allocated. Could you verify the amount: is it \$30 million or \$35 million?
 - b. What specific projects were these monies allocated to?
 - c. To date, have there been any projects presented to the Steering Committee from the Ministry of ECYS?
3. Can you please provide an update on the digital infrastructure project at the public schools, namely:
 - a. The status of the re-cabling and network improvement activities at the public schools that was being undertaken by Telem Group, i.e., which schools have been completed, which are remaining, etc.

Thank you in advance for your responses, which I kindly request be sent within two weeks' time.

Respectfully,

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