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QUESTIONS:

1. I recently visited one of the units of the Viola van Zanten Project at Lodi. I had the following observations:
 - a. The furnishing was almost non-existent.
 - b. There were two old fridges of which one not working.
 - c. There were no chairs or a table in the room.
 - d. The kitchen looked very unclean.
 - e. When entering the room my shoes stuck to the floor.

This project is an assisted living project.

- Are the tenants receiving assistance with the upkeep of their home?
- What other kinds of assistance are they receiving or entitled too?
- Are the tenants being checked on regularly and by whom?
- Is "Home Care" involved in assisting those living in the Viola van Zanten project?
- What are the tasks of the homecare unit?
- How many persons are employed by the homecare unit?
- How many clients/homes are they responsible for?
- How and by who is decided if a person needs home care?

2. Projects of breast cancer and cervix cancer screening are being rolled out. These two areas are chosen because also the European Netherlands has similar programs. Although prostate cancer is on Statia widespread, this is not included because this type of cancer is less spread in the European part of the Netherland. Therefore, cooperation is sought with PAHO.
 - a. Seeing that the general rule is that there are always differences between what is needed on the islands and The Netherlands and even between the islands, and customizing based on the specific needs on the islands is required, why isn't with the ministry of VWS and the relevant entities cooperation and support sought with The Netherlands to add prostate cancer screening to the project?
3. The minister of social affairs has agreed to pay double child allowance to parents with special need children. This is standard for these parents in the European part of the Netherlands. The introduction however must wait until July 2023
 - a. What is the reason that the parents wait until then to be able to have adequate funds to deal with these children?
 - b. Did the executive council take any steps to convince the minister that the increase of this child allowance should take place sooner?
 - c. How many special needs children are there on Statia?

4. The Ombudsman in his report “Het maakt uit waar je wieg staat” mentions that between 40 – 50% of young adults in Caribbean Netherlands are living in poverty. RCN/SZW estimates a much lower percentage without offering substantiation.
 - a. Is this percentage of 40-50% according to you also applicable for Statia or do you support the suggestion of RCN/SZW of a much lower amount?
 - b. What are you basing your estimation on?
 - c. How do these percentages relate to other age groups and parts of our society like:
 - i. infants and young children;
 - ii. single parent families;
 - iii. senior citizens?
 - d. How many school children are going to school without having breakfast?

 5. In the presentation of the strategical plan a number of partners were mentioned where it concerns our culture. I noticed that the carnival foundation was not mentioned.
 - a. Do you agree that the yearly carnival is one of the main annual cultural events on our island?
 - b. Why is the carnival foundation not recognized as an important partner for our cultural agenda?
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