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Timeline of E-book Procurement by the MOE

The Ministry of Education (MOE) takes this opportunity to clarify the steps taken since January, 2021 to procure an ebook platform for use in the education sector of Trinidad and Tobago. In January 2021 a Request for Information (RFI) on ebooks was published, to which there were forty-two (42) respondents. The MOE subsequently held a meeting with booksellers to discuss and clarify certain issues surrounding the provision of ebooks. The MOE took further steps to establish the availability of ebook platform providers from July 2021, and Cabinet approved the procurement of an E-book Platform by the MOE through iGovTT on June 23rd, 2022. The Request for Proposals document is currently being formulated, and should be made public in October 2022.

The MOE takes careful note of the assertions made by the MSJ on this issue as reported in a daily newspaper today, and while the MSJ's endorsement of the MOE's action in this regard is duly recognized, the inaccuracy of their timeline, as publicly presented, requires the MOE to place the facts of the matter on record for the edification of the public.

The public is also advised that the provision of ebooks is only one of 13 initial projects which comprise the Digital Transformation Plan 2022-25 of the Ministry of Education. Integral to the success of the ebook initiative are other projects currently



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ongoing, such as the digitization of all records for our over 250,000 ECCE, Primary and Secondary School students on the Student Management System (SMS), and the creation of eclassroom accounts for all students and teachers on the School Learning Management System (SLMS). Further information about the details of the MOE's Digital Transformation Plan will be elucidated to the public in short order.

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