



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

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Wilhelminastraat 1  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Dear Chairperson:

Kindly see enclosed letters to Minister of Health Care, Social Development & Labor the Honorable Mr. Emil Lee and Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure the Honorable Mr. Christopher Emmanuel regarding the Roof Repair Program and questions pertaining thereto to be forwarded.

Kind Regards,

  
Sarah A. Wescot-Williams  
Member of Parliament

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It is unfortunate that the Government is not making haste with the law that is supposed to legitimize their financial spending during these times, including legitimizing the roof repair program expenses.

Especially in these times, the Government should do everything to avoid any semblance of politicizing the relief and reconstruction programs.

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- Will this include self-help?
- Is it coordinated with the Red Cross roof repair program?
- Can the Parliament be told how the bidding took or will take place?
- The selection of contractors?
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