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To the Chairman of Parliament

The Honorable Dr. L. Richardson

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Dear Chairperson,

Kindly find enclosed questions directed to the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transportation and Telecommunication.

Please forward these to the Minister concerned with the usual expediency.

Respectfully,

Sarah A. Wescot- Williams Member of Parliament (DP)



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To

The Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication, the

Honorable Claret Connor

Administration Building

Philipsburg, St. Maarten

March 4th, 2015

Subject: Dredging Simpson Bay Lagoon.

Firstly, I want to commend Nature Foundation and the Maritime Inspection department for their swift action in connection with halting the illegal dredging that was taking place in the Simpson Bay Lagoon.

However, it should not have gone unnoticed that some persons felt quite comfortable to start this type of work without any kind of approval or permit. At least, they were not able to produce this to the inspectors as reported.

I find it hard to believe that this is the case and I therefore ask the Minister to please answer the following question in relation hereto:

- 1. Has the Minister received a report of these activities by the relevant government organizations?
- 2. Was this work indeed started without any type of permission?
- 3. What exactly was the purpose for the dredging?
- 4. Who are the principals involved and will they be held responsible to undo the dredging already done?

I await your answers,

Kind regards,

Sarah Wescot-Williams