

# 2012 - 2013 Annual Report





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## FOREWORD



Dear Colleagues, Honourable Members of Parliament, Herewith you are presented with the annual report of Parliament Secretariat giving an outline of the reporting period 2012-2013.

The statistics and operational information compiled regarding the activities of the House of Parliament are public.

During the aforementioned period a change of the Executive branch of government took place effectively June 14, 2013 when a new coalition was sworn in. The Secretariat continued to execute its activities, including preparations of meetings held during the period 2012-2013.

It is our objective to continue with strengthening and making more transparent and efficient this new institution of governance as we move forward with the execution of our tasks and responsibilities.

Finding more efficient ways in the operation and management of the House of Parliament to the public and MPs, improved service, will remain a major factor for the parliamentary year 2013-2014.

Additionally, we will continue to further strengthen Parliament's corporate governance and accountability through: a) the approval of the amended rules of order of Parliament; b) the introduction of a Parliamentary guide for MPs and Parliament staff; and c) participation in workshops and seminars pertaining to the laws

and regulations, institutions reference the responsibility of Parliament as laid down in the Constitution of Sint Maarten.

Country Sint Maarten's Parliament would not be able to achieve its objectives without the commitment and dedication of a trained and motivated staff. Neither will be successful in our objectives without the close working relationships with MP's.

A relationship built on trust and keen sense of duty.

I sincerely hope that the next parliamentary year will be one that the people of Sint Maarten can be proud of in terms of the legislation submitted and approved as well as for the professional and efficient support of the staff of the Secretariat towards the Members of Parliament, Members of Government, last but not least, towards the People whom we serve.

Thank you.

**Hon. drs. Gracita R. Arrindell**  
President of Parliament



## PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

# INTRODUCTION

Parliament of Sint Maarten is the highest legislative body of the country and according to article 44 of the Constitution it represents the entire population of Sint Maarten. The Parliament currently consists of 15 members who are elected for a four-year period.

According to article 46 of the Constitution the Parliamentary year commences with a public session on the second Tuesday of September. During this meeting, the Governor delivers a speech laying out the policies of the government for the coming year.

Parliament elects a President and Vice-Presidents the 15 members. Together they form the Presidium. If the President is not available, the Presidency shall be taken over by one of the Vice-Presidents.

The main tasks of the President are:

- supervising the activities of Parliament and the Presidium;
- ensuring that the Rules of Order are adhered to;
- executing decisions taken by Parliament and;
- representing Parliament;

The Parliament has Rules of Order that regulate amongst others the procedure of meetings. Meetings of Parliament are public unless it is considered necessary, or it is requested by four members, to hold the meeting behind closed doors. According to article 18 of the Rules of Order Parliament consists of various permanent and special committees. Currently there are 11 committees:

- Central Committee;
- Committee of Petitions;
- Committee of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure;
- Committee of Justice;
- Committee of Finance;

- Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication;
- Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs;
- Committee of Health Care, Social Development and Labor;
- Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations;
- Committee of Country's Expenditures;
- Committee of Revision Rules of Order.

The Seniorenenconvent, although not a committee, plays a key role in the functioning of Parliament. The Seniorenenconvent consists of the President and the faction leaders of the various parties and independent members represented in Parliament. In this setting often political issues are discussed in order to determine each faction's standpoint before they go to a public meeting.

The powers of Parliament are:

- co-legislator  
(*article 82 of the Constitution*);
- the right of initiative  
(*article 85 of the Constitution*);
- the right of amendment  
(*article 86 of the Constitution*);
- exercise control over government's policies;
- the right to ask questions  
(*article 62 of the Constitution*);
- the right of interpellation  
(*article 63 of the Constitution*);
- the right of inquiry  
(*article 64 of the Constitution*);
- the right to approve and amend the budget  
(*article 100 of the Constitution*);

### Composition of Parliament

At present the Parliament of Sint Maarten consists of 6 factions: the faction of the United Peoples Party (5), the faction of the Democratic Party (2), the faction of Independent Member of Parliament Laville (1), the faction of Independent Member of Parliament Illidge (1), the faction of Independent Member of Parliament Frans Richardson (1) and the faction of the National Alliance (5).

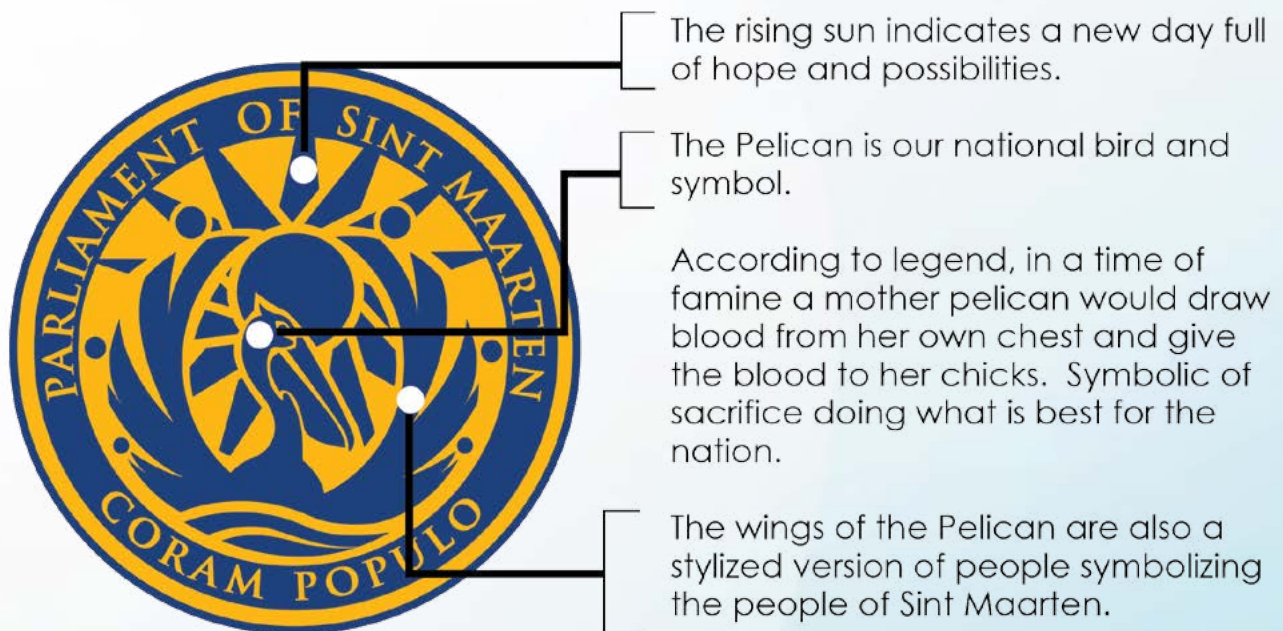
As of June 24, 2013 the Hon. drs. G.R. Arrindell has been appointed as the President of Parliament. Presently, the Hon. MP R.J. Laville is the 1st Vice-President and the Hon. MP P.L. de Weever is the 2nd Vice-President.

### Support of Parliament

Parliament has a secretariat at its disposal headed by a Secretary General, mr. lic. Jozef (Jossy) Semeleer. The task of the secretariat is to give procedural as well as legal advice and administrative support to the Members of Parliament and Parliament as a whole. One of the most crucial tasks of the secretariat is to make sure that the meetings of parliament are properly prepared and recorded. Presently the secretariat consists of 11 employees.

Factions in Parliament are supported by their own faction staff. At present there are 14 faction staff members employed with the different factions.

### Logo of Parliament



# CASH FLOW STATEMENT

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

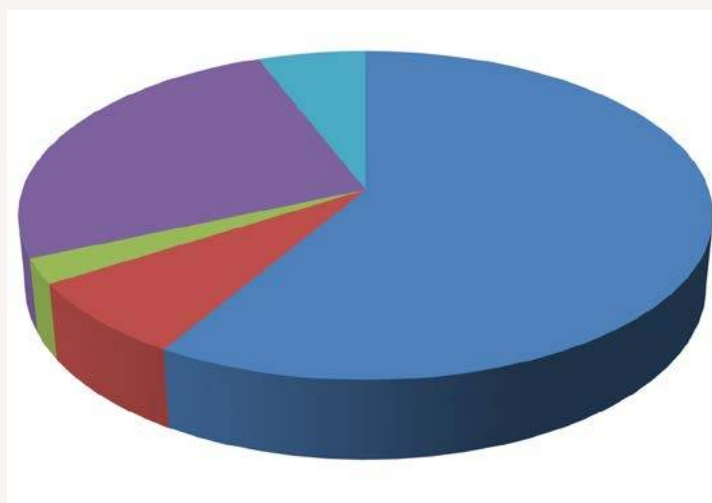
For the budget year 2012 Parliament had a total amount of Nafl. 8.690.461 at its disposal, which included both the costs of Parliament (budgetpost 2020) as well as the costs of the secretariat (budgetpost 2030). Parliament's actual expenses totaled Nafl. 7.1 million in budget year 2012, leaving almost Nafl. 1.5 million unused. These expenses included the salaries and other related costs of the Members of Parliament and their faction staff (58,5%), costs of travel for the Members of Parliament (7,5%), representation costs (2,5%), salaries and other related costs of the staff of the secretariat (25,7%) and other expenses (5,8%). The category "other" included amongst others gas for vehicles, office, kitchen and cleaning supplies, obligations

deriving from contracts with third parties, books and subscriptions, uniforms for the staff of the secretariat, legal and other advice, courses and training, membership and other dues etc.

In accordance with article 35 sub a of the Comptability ordinance and article 14, paragraph 1 of the Rules of Order of Parliament the draft budget of Parliament for the budget year 2013 was submitted to the Minister of Finance on April 25, 2012 (UV/226/2011-2012). The draft budget of Parliament was previously discussed and approved in the Presidium on April 23, 2012 and in the Seniorencvont on April 25, 2012.

The Ordinance establishing the budget for Country Sint Maarten for the budget year 2013 was adopted on April 18, 2013. This ordinance also contains the budget for Parliament. For the budget year 2013 a budgeted amount of Nafl. 10.233.106 was approved for Parliament. The increase of approximately Nafl. 1.5 million compared to budget year 2012 is due to the addition of certain budgetposts to the budget of Parliament that were previously being paid by government (for example rent, electricity, water, maintenance building etc).

## Parliament's expenses 2012 (Total Nafl. 7.1 million)



- Salaries and other related costs MP's and faction staff
- Travel MP's
- Representation costs Parliament
- Salaries and other related costs staff secretariat
- Other



# PARLIAMENTARY YEAR IN REVIEW

*The following provides an overview of the work done by Parliament during the Parliamentary Year 2012 - 2013*



## September 11, 2012

A solemn public meeting was held to mark the opening of the Parliamentary Year 2012 – 2013, as prescribed by article 46 of the Constitution, with a speech on the policies of government by His Excellency the Governor of Sint Maarten, drs. E.B. Holiday.

## September 18, 2012

On Tuesday, September 18, the 1st Vice Chairman of Parliament, the Hon. Member of Parliament

(MP) Romain Laville, met with the Chairman of the Social Economic Council (SER) Rene Richardson.

The purpose of the meeting was for the SER to present its first advice for the year to Parliament on the draft initiative ordinance on elimination of the abuse of temporary labor contracts as requested by letter dated June 29, 2012.

The request for the advice was discussed in a SER meeting on August 23, 2012. The advice was discussed and approved unanimously on August 30 and September 13, 2012.

The draft initiative ordinance on elimination of the abuse of temporary labour contracts was submitted to Parliament by the National Alliance (NA) faction on June 6, 2012. This draft is pending formal handling in Parliament

## October 10, 2012

A solemn public meeting was held to commemorate the second

anniversary of the attainment of Sint Maarten's new Constitutional Status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The faction leaders present as well as the Prime Minister, the Hon. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams and the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports, the Hon. Silveria E. Jacobs addressed the meeting. Mr. Arthur Bute, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Sint Maarten and Mr. Theophilus Thompson, President of the Chamber of Labor Unions were the guests speakers for this occasion.



## November 13, 2012

A Central Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, November 13, at 10:00 am in the Legislative Hall of the House of Parliament, whereby a presentation was given by a delegation of the Council of State of the Netherlands regarding the working relationship between the Council of Advice and Parliament. The delegation comprised of Marten Oosting, Arnoldus Weggeman and



Ron van der Veer. Also present were the Vice-Chairlady of the Council of Advice of Sint Maarten, Mrs. mr. Mavis Brooks-Salmon and Member of the Council of Advice of Sint Maarten Mr. Marcel Gumbs.

## November 21, 2012

On this day Parliament adopted the following two laws unanimously:

- **Landsverordening houdende wijziging van de landsverordening op de weerkorpsen 1997 (Statennummer 3513) (Zittingsjaar 2011-2012-021);**
- **Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Legesverordening 1994 en enige andere landsverordeningen in verband met de invoering van nieuwe identiteitskaarten en rijbewijzen (Zittingsjaar 2011-2012-023).**

## December 7, 2012

Representatives of the General Audit Chamber on Friday, December 7, presented the Chairman of Parliament, the Hon. drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel with a document entitled "Report on the Concerns and Observations Pertaining to the 2010 Financial Statement of the General Service of the Island Territory of Sint Maarten."

The General Audit Chamber was not obligated to provide an insight into the period prior to October 10,



2010, however the High Council of State is of the opinion that the content of the report will provide important information to the Ministry of Finance with respect to shortcomings as noted in the report.

The report was presented to Parliament in order to enable Parliament to adequately fulfil its role in the budget cycle. The annual financial statements play a crucial role in the aforementioned cycle.

According to the report, the financial statement of the Island Territory of Sint Maarten over the year 2010 was submitted late. Timely reporting and adherence to the relevant regulations and the quality of the financial accountability of government in the future is of major importance.

## January 10-11, 2013

A delegation consisting of Members of the First Chamber of the Parliament of the Netherlands visited Sint Maarten on Thursday January 10 and Friday January 11, 2013.

On Thursday January 10, a meet and greet took place at the Cultural Center where the public had the

opportunity to meet the Dutch MP's. On Friday morning the Dutch MP's visited His Excellency Governor drs. Eugene B. Holiday; thereafter they visited the Philipsburg Police Headquarters accompanied by Members of the Sint Maarten permanent committee of Parliament for Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations under the chairmanship of MP, the Hon. Roy R. Marlin.

In the afternoon the Dutch MPs visited the Sanitary Landfill on Pond



Island followed by the A.T. Illidge Road Sewage Treatment Plant and thereafter the Cay Hill site for the envisioned Justice Park. The Dutch MPs departed the island late Friday afternoon.

## January 15, 2013

On January 15, representatives of the University of Southern





Caribbean (USC) in Trinidad gave a presentation to the Central Committee of Parliament about the university and its facilities as well as the possibilities of cooperation with Sint Maarten.

### January 23, 2013

The Committee of Justice of Parliament paid a work visit to the Point Blanche prison on January 23. Upon arrival the Members of the Committee were led to the visitors room. There the Director of the prison, Mr. E. Rohan, gave some information on the facility. The Members had ample opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. Afterwards the Members were given a tour of the prison. During the tour the Members were able to interact with some of the inmates. The tour was followed by a short meeting with representatives of the Inmates Association.



### January 24, 2013

Representatives of the Board of Financial Supervision (College financieel toezicht – Cft) had a discussion on the finances of Country Sint Maarten with the Central Committee of Parliament on January 24.

### January 28, 2013

Upon the initiative of the Chairman of Parliament, the Hon. drs. Rodolphe Samuel, a meeting with the Chairman of Parliament of Aruba drs. Pauldrick (Paul) Croes and Chairman of Parliament of Curaçao Marcolino (Mike) Franco, took place on Monday, January 28.

The main goal of this tri-partite meeting was to bring the Parliaments of the Caribbean parts of the Kingdom on the same page, and also promote cooperation between these Parliaments. During this meeting a variety of subjects were discussed such as the upcoming Inter-parliamentary Kingdom Consultation in The Hague from March 5-8; the 200 years existence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the establishment of regular consultations between the Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten as well as cooperation on committee level between the Parliaments. There were no definite decisions taken during these discussions.

The Chairmen of Parliament of both Aruba and Curaçao also paid courtesy calls to the Prime Minister Hon. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams and His Excellency the Governor drs. Eugene B. Holiday.



### January 30, 2013

Brigadier general Swijgman gave a presentation on the deployment of the Royal Dutch Marines to Sint Maarten and the location of the Marine base to the Central Committee of Parliament.

### February 4 and 5, 2013

A delegation from the Parliament of Sint Maarten headed by Chairman of Parliament, the Hon. drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel, Chairman of the Permanent Committee for Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations Member of Parliament, the Hon. Roy R. Marlin, and Secretary General Jozef D. Semeleer, forming the presidium of the Interparliamentary Kingdom meeting IPKO, travelled to Curacao and held discussions with the Presidiums of Aruba and Curaçao on February 4.

The Presidiums of the aforementioned Parliaments prepared for a video conference that took place on February 5 where a number of decisions were taken in preparation for the IPKO in the



Netherlands early March.

The video conference was very constructive and the propositions made by Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten were accepted. All parties agreed that the delegations of the countries will cooperate with each other in order to make the IPKO a success.

Among the issues decided upon: the Presidium of each country is formed by Chairmen of of the Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, the Chairman of the Committees Kingdom Affairs and the Secretaries General, except for the Netherlands, where the Chairman of the Committees Kingdom Affairs of the First and Second Chamber and the Secretaries General, will form the Presidium.

The Chairmen of the Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, the Netherlands, and Chairmen of the Dutch Committee, are heads of the delegations and will sign the final document.

Each delegation can make an annotation in the decision list if the country has a different view. An explanation of this position can be given in an annex, which formally is not a part of the decision list. All delegations can participate in the working groups. The Netherlands (First Chamber) will take the lead in a working group if the subject regards the Netherlands in the Caribbean (BES islands).

The Presidiums of Aruba comprised of, C.G. (Chris) Dammers, Vice Chairman, G.R. (René) Herdé and mr J.A. Bastien-Sherman, Secretary General. Curacao was represented by Chairman M.C.F. (Mike) Franco, H.M. (Helmin) Wiels, and mr S. Cijntje, Secretary General. During the meeting in Willemstad, the draft agenda for the IPKO in

March was discussed. In mutual agreement some proposals for changes and additions were made to the draft agenda. These proposals were discussed during the video conference on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, with the IPKO Presidium of the Netherlands, Jeroen Recourt, Chairman of the Committee Kingdom Affairs of the Second Chamber and Marijke Linthorst, Chairman of the Committee Kingdom Affairs of the First Chamber and the Secretaries General of respective Chambers.

### February 12 and 19, 2013



On February 12, the Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication was given a presentation concerning the state of affairs of the Harbour by representatives of the St. Maarten Harbour Group of Companies.

On February 19, representatives of the Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company N.V. gave a presentation to the same committee on the state of affairs of the airport.

### February 19, 2013

The Central Committee of Parliament was given a presentation by the management of GEBE about

the present situation and plans at GEBE. After the presentation the Members of Parliament had ample opportunity to ask questions to the representatives of GEBE. Also in attendance was the Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure (VROMI), the Hon. W.V. Marlin, the Supervisory Board and the Members of the Share Holders Foundation.

### February 21, 2013

On this day GreenTECH B.V. gave a presentation to the Committee of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure of Parliament about energy saving solutions.

### February 25, 2013

On February 25, Parliament received a petition to "Protect the Great Salt Pond"--containing 1,275 signatures--from Jacqueline Sample, president of House of Nehesi Publishers Foundation (HNP).

The petition was also submitted to the Sint Maarten government, addressed to Deputy Prime Minister Hon. William V. Marlin as Minister of VROMI--calling on Parliament "to immediately put in place zoning





legislation to conserve the Great Salt Pond from any and all further landfill expansion, dumping, and pollution” in keeping with the five “Key Objectives” in the petition.

The symbolic presentation of the copy of the 52-page document to the Chairman of Parliament, was made in the Conference Room of Parliament. HNP organized the petition, which was open for signatures on-island and online.



The delegates of the First and Second Chambers were also present for a plenary session where all delegation leaders gave an opening speech. Thereafter MP’s met to discuss issues of concern.

On Tuesday after lunch the four parliamentary delegations continued their deliberations in the Thorbeckezaal at the Second Chamber of Parliament with respect to transportation issues.

The MP’s also met with Dutch Prime Minister, the Hon. Mark Rutte and on Tuesday evening the delegations attended a dinner hosted by the Chairman of the Second Chamber.

On Wednesday and Thursday the deliberations proceeded about health care, youth affairs and the 200 years celebration of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. MPs also were on several work visits. The Chairman of the First Chamber hosted a dinner for MPs from the four parliamentary delegations.

On Friday morning the last day of the IPKO parliamentary conference, the delegations made a number of decisions including the frequency of the parliamentary conferences between the four countries.

A decision list was drafted and a joint press conference took place that included the four delegations.

The Sint Maarten delegation was headed by Chairman of Parliament, the Hon. drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel and comprised also of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee for Kingdom Affairs and Inter-parliamentary Relations members MP the Hon. George C. Pantophlet, Vice Chairman, MP the Hon. Patrick G. Illidge, MP the Hon. Frans G. Richardson, and MP the Hon. Ruth A.G. Douglass, MD, who were all part of the delegation.

The delegation also included MP the Lloyd J. Richardson, MD, Secretary General mr lic. Jozef D. Semeleer and Advisor Ralph Richardson.

### March 12, 2013

The following law was adopted by Parliament:

**Landsverordening tot aanpassing van verschillende landsverordeningen vanwege de troonopvolging (Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-030)**

### March 18, 2013

MP’s on Monday, March 18 were given a tour of the GEBE Power Plant in Cay Bay, followed by a presentation by the management of GEBE and a lunch provided by GEBE.

### February 28, 2013

The Rector Magnificus, mr dr. Francis B.G. de Lanoy, of the University of the Netherlands Antilles along with representatives of the University of Sint Maarten paid a courtesy visit to the Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport.

### March 5-8, 2013

The Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) was held in the Netherlands during the week of March 4 - 8.

After MP’s arrived in the Netherlands, on Tuesday, March 5 they met with the Chairman of the First Chamber MP, the Hon. Fred de Graaf. This marked the start of the IPKO.







c. The overall economy of the island and other marine related issues.

### March 22, 2013

On Friday, March 22, 2013 the Chairman of Parliament, the Hon. Rodolphe E. Samuel met with the Council of State Vice President Piet Hein Donner and his delegation at the House of Parliament.



### March 22, 2013

On Friday, March 22 the Central Committee of Parliament received a presentation from the St. Maarten Carnival Development Foundation.



The two main issues discussed during the meeting was the perceived relationship between the Netherlands and Sint Maarten especially with respect to comments made by opposition members of the Dutch Second Chamber.

### April 18, 2013

On April 18, 2013 the following law was passed by Parliament:

**Landsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2013 (Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-031).**



### April 30, 2013



A small delegation comprising the Chairman of Parliament, the Hon. drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel and the Secretary General Jozef D. Semeleer left for the Netherlands on April

The tour was organized in order for the MPs to get a first-hand look at the country's power generation production facilities prior to a follow-up parliamentary meeting with GEBE management.

### March 20, 2013

A Central Committee meeting was held on March 20 where representatives of the Sint Maarten Marine Trades Association gave a presentation on the survival and growth of the marine industry on Sint Maarten as it relates to:

- a. Immigration/Visa policies;
- b. The Simpson Bay Lagoon Authority

The other issue discussed was the suggestion of an Identification Card for the residents of Curacao, Aruba, Sint Maarten and the BES islands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba) that would facilitate travel without any hindrance between the islands similar to travel when the islands were part of the the former Netherlands Antilles. This topic was also discussed during the last IPKO.

### March 22, 2013

On this day Parliament approved the nomination of the chairperson and members of the Monument Council as proposed by the government of Sint Maarten.



26 to represent the Parliament of Sint Maarten at the abdication ceremony of Queen Beatrix and the inauguration ceremony of King Willem Alexander on April 30. During the abdication ceremony the Chairman was present. During the inauguration ceremony that was held in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam all the Members of the First and Second Chamber of the Parliament of the Netherlands as well as the Members of the Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten present had the opportunity to make a promise or swear allegiance to the new King.

### May 13, 2013

A Public Meeting with the agenda point "The recent political developments which are taking place on Sint Maarten" was



scheduled to take place on May 13, 2013. However this meeting was cancelled by Chairman drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel on May 13 and rescheduled for May 17. A majority of 8 Members of Parliament proceeded with this meeting as scheduled and passed a motion of non confidence against 4 ministers of the Sarah Wescot-Williams II cabinet. On both May 17 and 20 the meeting that was originally scheduled for May 13 was recovered and adjourned shortly after.



### May 24, 2013

On May 24, 2013 a Public Meeting was held with the following agenda point: "Establishing that Minister W. Marlin, Minister R. Tuitt, Minister R. Duncan, Minister R. Pantophlet and Minister S. Jacobs no longer enjoy majority support from the Parliament of Sint Maarten". A motion presented and supported by 8 members of Parliament. During this meeting a motion of non confidence was passed against the former Hon. Chairman of Parliament drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel with 8 votes for and 3 against. Chairman drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel submitted a letter of resignation effective May 23, 2013. Due to the historic and unprecedented events that took place during the meeting of May 24th 2013, the Griffie of Parliament were put in a position like no other in the short history of this Parliament. Please see refer to the letters on pages 12 to 19.

### June 24, 2013

Hon. MP drs. G.R. Arrindell was



appointed Chairlady of Parliament on June 24, 2013 with 9 votes for and 0 votes against.

### June 25 and 28, 2013

On June 25 and June 28, 2013 both the General Audit Chamber and the Council of Advice presented their annual report to the Hon. Chairlady of Parliament, drs. Gracita R. Arrindell.

### July 18, 2013

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and his delegation paid a courtesy visit to the Parliament of Sint Maarten on July 18, 2013. They were welcomed by the Hon. Chairlady of Parliament drs. G.R. Arrindell and the faction leaders of the United Peoples Party Hon. MP S.V. Meyers-Olivacce and of the Democratic Party Hon. MP R.R. Marlin. The Chairlady gave a state of affairs of the Parliament of Sint Maarten to the delegation. Furthermore business promotion and trade, public safety, security and visa policy were discussed.



## ATTACHMENTS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC MEETING ON MAY 24TH, 2013

To the Hon. Member of Parliament Romain J. Laville  
Vice-Chairman of Parliament  
Wilhelminastraat 1  
**Philipsburg**

Philipsburg, May 21, 2013

Re: Request assistance extraordinary meeting

Hon. MP Laville,

In view of the latest political developments and with respect to the request made in the Conference Room of Parliament to the Secretary General on Monday, May 20, 2013 to assist as recorder at an "extraordinary" meeting to be held by the majority in Parliament, the following.

The office of the Secretary General of Parliament is guided by the Constitution of Sint Maarten, the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten and other relevant laws of the country.

According to article 27, sub 1, of the Rules of Order, the Chairman has the prerogative to convene meetings. This article further stipulates how a meeting should be convened. Furthermore article 10 of the Rules of Order stipulates that the Chairmanship will only be taken over by one of the Vice-Chairpersons, if the Chairman is not available. Due to the latest developments of Public meeting no. 6, you deem it necessary to call an "extraordinary" meeting with the presence of the Secretary General as recorder. The Rules of Order does not contain provisions for these extraordinary meetings.

Under normal circumstances the wishes of the majority is voiced by the Chairman. In this situation there is disparity and inconsistency between the two due to political reasons. By requesting the Secretary General to partake in such a meeting, you are putting the office of the Secretary General in a position to have to choose between following the stipulations of the Rules of Order (articles 10 and 27) and the wishes of the majority.

The office of the Secretary General is a non-political entity within the Parliament with the task to assist Parliament as a whole. In order to maintain this non-political and non-partisan position, it is our strong suggestion that the office of the Secretary General be excluded from any activity that can be considered political.

Hope to have informed you sufficiently.



mr. lic. J.D. Semeleer  
Griffier der Staten/Secretary General of Parliament



mr. N.R. Joubert  
1ste Plaatsvervangend Griffier der Staten/1<sup>st</sup> Acting Secretary General of Parliament



mr. V.D.A. Bell  
2de Plaatsvervangend Griffier der Staten/2<sup>nd</sup> Acting Secretary General of Parliament

Cc. Presidium of Parliament




Parliament of Sint Maarten  
Staten van Sint Maarten

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To: The Griffier  
Mr. Van Dijk Bell  
Present

The undersigned Vice Chairman of Parliament hereby inform you that it is imperative that you attend the meeting of Parliament scheduled for May 23, 2013 to be held in the A.C. Wathey Legislative Hall commencing at 10.00 am.



Romain Laville  
Vice Chairman of Parliament.

Wilhelmina Straat #1, Philipsburg, Sint. Maarten

*Mr. J.D. Semeleer and Ms. Nancy Joubert also received a copy of the above letter*





**MINISTER OF GENERAL AFFAIRS**  
Minister van Algemene Zaken

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To the President of Parliament of St. Maarten,  
Mr drs. R.E. Samuel,  
Wilhelminastraat # 1,  
Philipsburg,  
ST MAARTEN.

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Philipsburg, MAY 21 2013

*Subject:* your letter of may 17, 2013 with as subject "Opinion of the occurrences leading up to the events of Monday, May 13, 2013".

Dear Mr Samuel,

With reference to your abovementioned letter, I inform you as follows.

In accordance with the advice of the department of legal affairs, the motion of 'non confidence' that was approved in the meeting of parliament on Monday May 13, 2013, is binding. Therefore the members of the Council of Ministers no longer enjoy the support of the majority in parliament and need to tender their resignation.

Please find attached a copy of the advice of the department of legal affairs on this development.

Sincerely,

MINISTER OF GENERAL AFFAIRS,

Sarah Wescot-Williams

Minister of General Affairs

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## AFDELING JURIDISCHE ZAKEN EN WETGEVING

### ST. MAARTEN

#### Memo

Aan: De Minister van Algemene Zaken, d.t.v. SG AZ  
 Van: Afdelingshoofd Juridische Zaken & Wetgeving  
 Auteur: JZ&W  
 Datum: 17 mei 2013  
 Betreft: **Juridisch advies n.a.v. het adviesverzoek over het landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten in samenhang met de motie van wantrouwen**  
 Bijlagen:

#### Aanleiding:

De Minister van Algemene Zaken heeft juridisch advies gevraagd over ontwerp van landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten, zoals voorgesteld door vijf ministers. In het onderhavige advies wordt eveneens aandacht geschonken aan de mogelijke gevolgen van de motie van wantrouwen zoals uitgesproken door acht Statenleden op 13 mei jl.

#### Doel van het memo:

Adviseren over de politiek-staatsrechtelijke aspecten ten aanzien van de huidige politieke situatie. Hiertoe worden de mogelijke vervolgsenario's geschetst en van juridische kaders voorzien.

#### Beslispunten / conclusie:

Geconcludeerd wordt dat:

- de motie van wantrouwen rechtmatig tot stand is gekomen, waardoor voor de betrokken ministers op grond van de Staatsregeling de rechtsplicht bestaat hun portefeuilles ter beschikking te stellen. Gezien het feit dat de motie van wantrouwen is gericht tegen vijf van de zeven ministers van het huidige kabinet, kan de motie worden gezien als een motie van wantrouwen jegens het gehele kabinet.
- het *thans zittende* kabinet niet langer de steun heeft van de meerderheid van de Staten. Er lijkt weliswaar sprake van een nieuwe meerderheid in de Staten. Deze meerderheid geldt echter niet voor het huidige kabinet; en,
- de uitgesproken motie van wantrouwen er ingevolge het ongeschreven staatsrecht toe leidt dat de regering niet langer eigenstandig bevoegd is om tot het ontbinden van de Staten te besluiten. Het ontwerp van landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten ex artikel 59 van de Staatsregeling, zoals aan de Gouverneur aangeboden door Minister Marlin, kan niet langer bevoegd worden vastgesteld zonder de steun van de Staten.

Geadviseerd wordt het ontslag van het voltallige kabinet aan de Gouverneur aan te bieden, waarna een nieuwe (in)formatieprocedure kan worden gestart.

**Achtergrond / uitleg:**

De Minister van Algemene Zaken heeft juridisch advies verzocht inzake het ontwerp van landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten, welke door Minister Marlin ter vaststelling is aangeboden aan de Gouverneur. Geconstateerd wordt dat dit ontwerp van landsbesluit niet in de ministerraad is behandeld alvorens de aanbieding heeft plaatsgehad, terwijl dit op grond van het Reglement van orde ministerraad wel is vereist.<sup>1</sup>

In de tussentijd heeft zich op 13 mei jl. een nieuw relevant politiek feit voorgedaan. In een buitengewone Statenvergadering is een motie van wantrouwen uitgesproken jegens vier ministers. Daarnaast heeft Minister Duncan zelf besloten zijn portefeuille ter beschikking te stellen.

Vanuit het bovenstaande behelst het advies in het onderhavige memo de volgende rechtsvragen:

1. algemene politiek-staatsrechtelijke uitgangspunten;
2. de geldigheid van de motie van wantrouwen, alsook de mogelijke gevolgen van deze motie; en,
3. de status van het ontwerp van landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten;

**Ad1. Algemene politiek-staatsrechtelijke uitgangspunten**

Voor tot beantwoording van de twee inhoudelijke rechtsvragen wordt overgegaan, wordt van de gelegenheid gebruik gemaakt om allereerst enkele algemene politiek-staatsrechtelijke uitgangspunten te noemen, welke voor de huidige politieke situatie van belang zijn:

- de Staten maken in beginsel de volledige zittingsperiode van vier jaar vol. Slechts in uitzonderingssituaties, zo zegt het ongeschreven staatsrecht, kunnen de Staten bij landsbesluit worden ontbonden, zoals bepaald in artikel 59 van de Staatsregeling<sup>2</sup>.
- Sint Maarten is een constitutionele, parlementaire democratie, met als meest basale uitgangspunt dat de wil van de meerderheid van het volk bepalend is;
- de Staten zijn de volksvertegenwoordiging. Dit maakt de Staten het hoogste orgaan van het Land;
- de Staten controleren het kabinet;
- de leden van de Staten stemmen zonder last.<sup>3</sup> Ontbinding van de Staten door de regering – of dreiging daarmee – kan als een zwaard van Damocles boven de Staten hangen, waardoor de Statenleden in de praktijk mogelijk stemmen *met* last;
- daarom dient zeer prudent te worden omgegaan met mogelijke ontbinding van de Staten door het kabinet;
- het vertrouwen van de Staten in het kabinet wordt verondersteld, tenzij het tegendeel wordt vastgesteld (zoals door een motie van wantrouwen).

**Ad2. Geldigheid motie van wantrouwen en mogelijke gevolgen:**

Alvorens kan worden geadviseerd over de status van het ontwerp van landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten, dient eerst de vraag te worden beantwoord of de op tafel liggende motie van wantrouwen rechtsgeldig tot stand is gekomen. Een positieve beantwoording van deze vraag heeft namelijk tot gevolg dat er een rechtsplicht voor de betrokken ministers

<sup>1</sup> Artikel 4, eerste lid, Reglement van orde ministerraad.

<sup>2</sup> L.J.J. Rogier, *Beginselen van Caribisch Staatsrecht*, p 128, Boom Juridische uitgevers, Den Haag, 2012

<sup>3</sup> Artikel 61, derde lid, van de Staatsregeling.



ontstaat om hun portefeuille ter beschikking te stellen<sup>4</sup>. Deze ter beschikking stelling heeft directe gevolgen op de bevoegdheid van de regering om een ontwerp van landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten ter vaststelling aan de Gouverneur aan te bieden.

De vraag of de motie van wantrouwen rechtsgeldig tot stand is gekomen, vloeit voort uit de constatering dat het Reglement van Orde van de Staten<sup>5</sup> niet lijkt te zijn gevolgd bij de totstandkoming van deze motie.

De motie van wantrouwen tegen de ministers:

De motie van wantrouwen is een instrument van de Staten, dat kan worden gebruikt op het moment dat een of meer bepaalde ministers, respectievelijk het voltallige kabinet niet langer de steun van de Staten geniet. In het onderhavige geval is de uitgesproken motie van wantrouwen op een bijzondere manier tot stand gekomen.

Op maandag 13 mei jl. heeft een Statenvergadering plaatsgehad over de ontstane politieke situatie. Deze vergadering werd evenwel direct geschorst. Op dat moment waren er acht Statenleden aanwezig die gezamenlijk besloten om in afwijking van het Reglement van orde van de Staten een vergadering te houden waarin de motie van wantrouwen is uitgesproken. Ondanks deze bijzondere totstandkoming is er juridisch geen argument voorhanden waaruit hard kan worden geconcludeerd dat de uitgesproken motie van wantrouwen onrechtmatig is.

Artikel 89 van het Reglement van orde van de Staten bepaald dat de Staten te allen tijde kunnen besluiten om van de bepalingen van dat Reglement af te wijken indien geen der leden zich daartegen verzet en indien de afwijking niet in strijd is met het Statuut, de Staatsregeling of enige andere wettelijke regeling. Op grond van dit artikel lijkt de buitengewone Statenvergadering rechtmatig te hebben plaatsgehad. Voor zover bekend heeft geen van de ter vergadering ingeschreven leden bezwaar gemaakt tegen de afwijking van het Reglement.

**Derhalve moet worden geconcludeerd dat de motie van wantrouwen rechtmatig tot stand is gekomen en dat voor de betrokken ministers op grond van de Staatsregeling de rechtsplicht bestaat om hun portefeuilles ter beschikking te stellen.**

Overigens is het politieke signaal hoe dan ook klip en klaar, aangezien dezelfde vijf ministers binnen het kabinet hebben verklaard nieuwe verkiezingen te willen houden. De motie van wantrouwen – mocht deze niet rechtsgeldig tot stand zijn gekomen – zal waarschijnlijk vandaag worden alsnog worden uitgesproken.

Conclusie is dan ook dat het politieke draagvlak voor het huidige kabinet is verdwenen zowel binnen de Staten als binnen het kabinet.

Mochten de betrokken ministers niet overgaan tot het zelf ter beschikking stellen van hun portefeuilles, dan ligt het, op grond van de volgende twee punten, in de lijn van de Minister-President om die impasse te doorbreken:

- volgens de Staatsregeling is het de Minister-President die ontslagbesluiten contrasigneert<sup>6</sup> en dus aan de Gouverneur aanbiedt;
- weliswaar bepaalt het Reglement van orde ministerraad in het algemeen dat alle onderwerpen die de eenheid van het regeringsbeleid raken in de ministerraad dienen te worden behandeld, echter de Staatsregeling is van hoger orde. De Minister-President kan daarom zelfstandig tot aanbieding van de ontslagbesluiten aan de Gouverneur overgaan, zonder tussenkomst van de betrokken ministers.

<sup>4</sup> Artikel 33, tweede lid, van de Staatsregeling, alsook de toelichting daarop.

<sup>5</sup> Volgens artikel 66 van de Staatsregeling dient het Reglement van orde van de Staten openbaar te worden gemaakt op de voor de landsverordeningen voorgeschreven wijze. Dit betekent dat het Reglement in het Afkondigingsblad behoort te worden geplaatst. Dit heeft niet plaatsgevonden. Echter, het Reglement wordt in de praktijk gevolgd, het lijkt daarom niet in de rede te liggen de geldigheid van het Reglement te betwisten.

<sup>6</sup> Op grond van artikel 40, tweede lid, van de Staatsregeling.

De motie van wantrouwen tegen het voltallig kabinet?

Daar de motie van wantrouwen is gericht tegen de meerderheid van de ministers van het huidige kabinet, wordt de vraag opgeroepen of deze motie niet het voltallige kabinet raakt. Gegeven is dat het *thans zittende* kabinet niet meer de steun heeft van de meerderheid van de Staten. In dat geval behoort de minister-president het ontslag van het voltallige kabinet aan de Gouverneur aan te bieden.

Hierbij dient nadrukkelijk te worden opgemerkt dat er weliswaar sprake lijkt te zijn van een nieuwe meerderheid in de Staten. Dit is echter voor het bovenstaande niet relevant. Die eventuele meerderheid geldt immers pas voor een ander, nog te formeren kabinet.

**De Minister-President wordt vanuit het bovenstaande geadviseerd het ontslag van het voltallig kabinet aan de Gouverneur aan te bieden.**

Ad3. Status ontwerp-landsbesluit ontbinding Staten

De conclusie dat de motie van wantrouwen rechtsgeldig tot stand is gekomen, heeft een direct gevolg voor het landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten, zoals dat door Minister Marlin aan de Gouverneur ter vaststelling is aangeboden.

Gelet op de getalsmatige verhoudingen in het kabinet – de aangenomen motie van wantrouwen gericht tegen vier ministers en het zelf aangeboden ontslag van één andere minister – moet worden geconcludeerd dat sprake is van een vertrouwensvotum jegens de regering in de Staten.

Dit vertrouwensvotum in de Staten leidt er staatsrechtelijk toe dat de regering niet langer eigenstandig bevoegd is de Staten te ontbinden<sup>7</sup>.

In de huidige politieke situaties is het aangeboden ontbindingsbesluit aan de Gouverneur daarom niet langer relevant. Nieuwe verkiezingen zijn slechts in de volgende situaties mogelijk:

1. het huidige kiesmandaat loopt af (reguliere verkiezingen); of,
2. er is een onoverbrugbaar meningsverschil tussen de regering en de Staten. Het is dan wenselijk de kiezers te raadplegen, zodat de (politieke) impasse kan worden doorbroken.

Of er sprake is van een onoverbrugbaar meningsverschil tussen regering en Staten kan pas worden geconcludeerd, nadat het huidige kabinet diens portefeuilles ter beschikking hebben gesteld en het ontslag aan de Gouverneur is aangeboden.

Op dat moment zal door de Gouverneur een nieuwe (in)formatieronde worden gestart. Tijdens die ronde zal blijken of het mogelijk is om:

- a. de huidige coalitie te lijmen; of
- b. een nieuwe regering te vormen binnen de bestaande politieke verhoudingen op grond van de laatste verkiezingen.

Indien beiden niet mogelijk blijken, is er sprake van een hiervoor beschreven impasse. In dat geval zal de Gouverneur moeten concluderen dat het noodzakelijk is geworden de kiezers te raadplegen.<sup>8</sup> Het is op dat moment alsnog aan de demissionair minister-president om het landsbesluit tot ontbinding van de Staten aan de Gouverneur voor te dragen.

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<sup>7</sup> L.J.J. Rogier, *Beginnelsen van Caribisch Staatsrecht*, p 129, Boom Juridische uitgevers, Den Haag, 2012

<sup>8</sup> Mr. W.H. van Heldsinghen, *De Staatsregeling van de Nederlandse Antillen van 1955*.

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## August 8, 2013

On August 8, the Central Committee met in the House of Parliament. The agenda point for this meeting was the National Ordinance amending the Ordinance on Security service in connection with the change in the composition of the Supervisory Committee. This meeting was first called on October 11, 2012, continued on November 8, 2012 and was then adjourned.

The Prime Minister the Hon. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams and the Minister of Justice the Hon. Dennis L. Richardson attended this Central Committee meeting. The Prime Minister explained the proposal to Parliament to which would make a change to the ordinance that governs the Security Service (VDSM), proposing to remove the membership of the President of Parliament on the Supervisory Committee of the VDSM to an appointee by the Constitutional Court. The MP's had ample opportunity to voice their opinions regarding this draft ordinance. This meeting was concluded and a report will be made up and send on to the Public meeting for further handling.



## August 9, 2013

The Central Committee met with the Territorial Council of St. Martin on August 9, 2013. In this session the Territorial gave a presentation to Parliament.

The conclusion of the meeting was that there will be a follow-up meeting to take place in Marigot. The agenda will include the following issues: European funding, Safety and security, Social issues (substance abuse), and the formalization of a structural working

relationship between the permanent committees of Parliament and the committees of the Territorial Council.

## August 12, 2013



The Youth Parliament of Sint Maarten held its first public meeting on Monday, August 12 which was also International Youth Day, in the House of Parliament. This session was broadcasted live on tv, radio and via the internet.

The Youth Members of Parliament (YMP's) made presentations pertaining to the theme "A Curriculum that prepares us for life; incorporating technological advancements in education." In their presentations the YMP's brought forward the advantages and disadvantages of using tablets





and smart whiteboards in the classrooms instead of the regular board and chalk.

The Youth Parliament passed a motion instructing the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports to develop a comprehensive policy to incorporate technology throughout the educational system. The motion that was co-signed by 2 YMP's, was supported by all 14 YMP's.

The session was also attended by the Acting Governor Reynold Groeneveldt, the Prime Minister Hon. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Patricia D. Lourens-Philips as well as several MP's.

**August 13, 2013**

On August 13, 2013 the Central Committee of Parliament met

in two sessions with both the Ombudsman and the Council of Advice.

The Ombudsman made a presentation to the MP's with respect to its past year activities. The Ombudsman Mrs. dr. mr. Nilda Arduin-Lynch was accompanied by members of her staff Ms. Patricia Philips and Mr. Marlon Hart.

A presentation was also given by a delegation of the Council of Advice to the MP's. The delegation comprised of Vice-Chairlady Mrs. mr. Mavis Brooks-Salmon and members Mr. Michael Alexander, Mr. Jan Beaujon and Mr. Gaston Bell. Also

in attendance were the members of staff Mr. Keith de Jong, Mr. Richard Jackson and Mrs. Mireya Ostiana-Wijman.

**August 22, 2013**

The Permanent Committee of Parliament for Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transportation and Telecommunications (TEATT) met with the St. Maarten Hospitality and Trade Association (SHTA) on August 22. The meeting was requested by the SHTA to discuss the Sint Maarten Tourism Authority, TSIS and Tourism Policy.





## PARLIAMENT MEETINGS

## MEETINGS OF THE YEAR

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
POV 1	September 11, 2012	Solemn Public Meeting	Opening van het Zittingsjaar 2012-2013 door de Voorzitter van de Staten van Sint Maarten met een uiteenzetting door zijne Excellentie de Gouverneur van Sint Maarten
POV 2	October 10, 2012	Solemn Public Meeting	10-10-12: Commemorating the Second Anniversary of the attainment of Sint Maarten's new Constitutional Status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. (This meeting is convened on request of the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, S.E. Jacobs)
OV 1	October 12, 2012	Public Meeting	1. Ingekomen stukken 2. Goedkeuring Besluitenlijsten openbare vergaderingen no. POV1, POV2, no. 17 en 18 ZJ 2011-2012 3. Instelling en Samenstelling Vaste en Bijzondere commissies Staten 4. Instelling en Samenstelling Commissie Parlatino
OV 2	November 21, 2012	Public Meeting	1. Ingekomen stukken 2. Ontwerplandsverordening houdende wijziging van de landsverordening op de weerkorpsen 1997 (Statenummer 3513) (ZJ 2011-2012-021) 3. Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Legesverordening 1994 en enige andere landsverordeningen in verband met de invoering van nieuwe identiteitskaarten en rijbewijzen (ZJ 2011-2012-023)
OV 3	March 12, 2013	Public Meeting	Landsverordening tot aanpassing van verschillende landsverordeningen vanwege de troonopvolging (Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-030)
OV 4	March 22, 2013	Public Meeting	1. Ingekomen stukken 2. Voordracht benoeming van de voorzitter en leden van de Monumentenraad (IS/411/12-13, d.d. 5 maart 2013)

OV 5	April 15, 2013	Public Meeting	Ontwerplandsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2013 (Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-031)
OV 6	May 13, 2013	Public Meeting	<p>1. The recent political developments which are taking place in Sint Maarten.</p> <p>2. Establishing that Minister W. Marlin, Minister R. Tuitt, Minister R. Duncan Minister R. Pantophlet and Minister S. Jacobs no longer enjoy majority support from the Parliament of St. Maarten.</p> <p>(Agenda point 1 of this meeting was requested by the Members of Parliament G.C. Pantophlet, L.E. Laveist, and F.G. Richardson, IS/614/12-13, dated May 6, 2013)                  (Agenda point 2 of this meeting was requested by the Members of Parliament R.R. Marlin, P. L. de Weever, J.E. Leonard and G. Arrindell IS/622/12-13 dated May 7, 2013 and IS/626/12-13 dated May 9, 2013)</p>
OV 7	June 24, 2013	Public Meeting	<p>The position of the Chairman of Parliament</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by the Members of Parliament Silvia V. Meyers-Olivacce, Roy R. Marlin and Romain J. Laville IS/678/12-13, dated June 5, 2013)</p>

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CC 1	September 14, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	Presentation by the minister VROMI of the zonification plan
CC 2	October 8, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	Information on the health situation at the Sint Maarten Medical Center (SMMC), with its impact on the social and labor policies  (Deze vergadering is aangevraagd door de leden S.V. Meyers-Olivacce, J.C. James, R.A.G. Douglass, drs. G.R. Arrindell, J.E. Leonard van de UP-fractie, IS/033/2012-2013, d.d. 25 september 2012).
CC 3	October 8, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	1. The present Education Policy 2. Including the present policy on Youth and Sports  (Deze vergadering is aangevraagd door de leden S.V. Meyers-Olivacce, J.C. James, R.A.G. Douglass, J.E. Leonard van de UP-fractie, IS/037/2012-2013, d.d. 26 september 2012).
CC 4	October 9, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	Information on the present situation regarding maintenance and zoning  (Deze vergadering is aangevraagd door de leden S.V. Meyers-Olivacce, J.C. James, R.A.G. Douglass, J.E. Leonard van de UP-fractie, IS/042/2012-2013, d.d. 28 september 2012).
CC 5	October 11, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	1. Instelling en Samenstelling Vaste en Bijzondere Commissies van de Staten 2. Instelling en Samenstelling Commissies van Parlatino  3. Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening Veiligheidsdienst in verband met de wijziging van de samenstelling van de Commissie van Toezicht (Zittingsjaar 2011-2012-026)



CC 6	November 2, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Presentation by the minister of Justice regarding the "Justice Park"</p> <p>(Deze vergadering is aangevraagd door de minister van Justitie d.d. 30 oktober 2012, IS/148/12-13)</p>
CC 7	November 22, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	<p>1. Bespreking met de minister van Financiën inzake de stand van zaken met betrekking tot de financiële situatie van Sint Maarten</p> <p>2. Advies Commissie Koninkrijksaangelegenheden en Interparlementaire Relaties inzake Besluit betreffende de associatie van de landen en gebieden overzee met de Europese Unie ("LGO-besluit"), COM(2012) 362</p> <p>(Agendapunt 1 is aangevraagd door de minister van Financiën d.d. 17 oktober 2012, IS/110/12-13)</p>
CC 8	November 13, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Short presentation regarding the working relationship between Council of Advice and Parliament by a delegation of the Council of State of the Netherlands</p> <p>The delegation consists of Mr. Marten Oosting, Mr. Arnoldus Weggeman and Mr. Ron van der Veer</p> <p>(Deze vergadering is aangevraagd door de delegatie uit de Raad van State d.d. 15 oktober 2012, IS/104/12-13)</p> <p>Voorziening dienstreizen in verband met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Invitation to Statia Day Celebration Ceremony of the 236th Anniversary of the first salute on Friday November 16, 2012 (IS/142/2012-2013, d.d. 16/okt/2012)</li> <li>b. Invitation to celebrate the 137th anniversary of Saba Day on Friday December 7th, 2012 (IS/138/2012-2013, d.d. 25/okt/2012)</li> <li>c. Invitación Parlatino, ONU Mujeres, GPI y PNUD a participar en el encuentro regional de parlamentarias y parlamentarios: "Haciendo realidad la agenda de derechos: el rol de los parlamentos para el logro de la igualdad", Panamá, 25-27 de noviembre de 2012 (IS/109/2012-2013, d.d. 16/okt/2012)</li> <li>d. Uitnodiging van de minister van Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties en de burgemeester van Rotterdam aan de Voorzitter en partner ter bijwoning van het Koninkrijksconcert 2012 op 15 december 2012 in de Beurs-World Trade Center te Rotterdam (IS/154/2012-2013, d.d. 31/okt/2012)</li> </ul>

CC 9	December 14, 2012	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Advies Commissie Koninkrijksaangelegenheden en Interparlementaire Relaties inzake Besluit betreffende de associatie van de landen en gebieden overzee met de Europese Unie ("LGO-besluit"), COM(2012) 362</p> <p>Information by the minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication on the dismissal of two Supervisory Board members of the Harbour Holding Group of Companies.</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by the members S.V. Meyers-Olivacce, J.C. James, R.A.G. Douglass, drs. G.R. Arrindell and J.E. Leonard of the UP faction, IS/192/2012-2013, dated November 20, 2012)</p>
CC 10	January 15, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Presentation by the University of Southern Caribbean (USC), Trinidad</p> <p>2. Invitation from Mr. John R. Marks III, Mayor, City of Tallahassee to attend the inauguration of President Barack Obama (IS/268/12-13, d.d. 8 januari 2013 and IS/284/12-13, d.d. 14 januari 2013)</p>
CC 11	January 24, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Discussion with the Board of Financial Supervision (College financieel toezicht – Cft) on the finance of Country Sint Maarten (IS/289/12-13, d.d. 16/jan/2013)</p>
CC 12	January 30, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>1. Presentation by Brigadier general Swijgman on the deployment of Royal Dutch Marines to Sint Maarten and the location of the Marine base</p> <p>2. Bespreking Samenwerkingsvoorstel Staten van Aruba, Curaçao en Sint Maarten, zoals ondertekend op 28 januari 2013</p>
CC 13	January 28, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Information regarding the problems or issues leading to the delay in making public the Census 2011 statistical information</p> <p>(Deze vergadering is aangevraagd door de leden drs. G.R. Arrindell, S.V. Meyers-Olivacce, J.E. Leonard en R.A.G. Douglass, MD van de UP-fractie (IS/271/12-13, d.d. 10 januari 2013).</p>

CC 14	January 25, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>The exclusion of Sint Maarten from the Border Management System (BMS)</p> <p>2. Crime fighting initiative, including receiving the 2012 statistics on crime and other relevant information</p> <p>3. Update regarding security and security companies in Sint Maarten</p> <p>(Deze vergadering is aangevraagd door de leden drs. G.R. Arrindell, S.V. Meyers-Olivacce, J.E. Leonard, R.A.G. Douglass, MD van de UP-fractie (IS/274/12-13, d.d. 10 januari 2013).</p>
CC 15	February 18, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Discussion with the Minister of General Affairs to provide information on the recent developments at the Postal Services Sint Maarten (PSS) regarding the resignation of the Director of PSS</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP P.G. Illidge, MP F.G. Richardson, MP R.J. Laville on February 12, 2013, IS/356/12-13)</p>
CC 16	February 19, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Discussion with the Minister of VROMI, the Supervisory Board and the Members of the Share Holders Foundation to provide information on the present situation and plans at GEBE.</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP P.G. Illidge, MP F.G. Richardson, MP R.J. Laville on February 13, 2013, IS/357/12-13)</p>
CC 17	March 11, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>1. Goedkeuring dienstreis naar Nederland voor het bijwonen van de Verenigde Vergadering der Staten-Generaal ter beëdiging en inhuldiging van de Koning op 30 april te Amsterdam door één of meer gedelegeerden van de Staten van Sint Maarten (IS/406/12-13, d.d. 1 maart 2013)</p> <p>2. Goedkeuring van dienstreizen in verband met vergaderingen van Parlatino commissies voor 2013</p>
CC 18	March 12, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Landsverordening tot aanpassing van verschillende landsverordeningen vanwege de troonopvolging (Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-030)</p>



CC 19	March 20, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>The survival and growth of the marine industry on Sint Maarten as it relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Immigration/Visa policies;</li> <li>b. The Simpson Bay Lagoon Authority</li> <li>c. The overall economy of the island and other marine related issues.</li> </ul> <p>(This meeting was requested by Mr. M.F. Ferrier, on behalf of the SMMTA, IS/260/12-13, d.d. 17/dec/2012)</p>
CC 20	March 21, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	Voordracht benoeming van de voorzitter en leden van de Monumentenraad (IS/411/12-13, d.d. 5 maart 2013)
CC 21	March 22, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Presentation by the Sint Maarten Carnival Development Foundation</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by Mr. M.R. Granger, President SCDF, IS/298/12-13, d.d. 21/jan/2013)</p>
CC 22	March 28, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	<p>Voorziening in verband met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Afvaardiging uit de Staten om de begrafenis van wijlen de heer M.A. Pourier in Curaçao bij te wonen</li> <li>b. Uitnodiging van de Hare Majesteit de Koningin aan de Voorzitter van de Staten en partner voor een diner in het Rijksmuseum op maandag 29 april 2013</li> </ul>
CC 23	April 8, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	Ontwerplandsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2013 (Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-031)
CC 24	June 12, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	Discussion with the Board of Financial Supervision (College financieel toezicht – Cft) on the financial management of Sint Maarten and presentation of the “Rapport bevindingen PEFA inventarisatie financieel beheer Sint Maarten” (IS/677/12-13, d.d. 06/jun/2013)
CC 25	August 9, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	Presentation of the Collectivité of Saint Martin to the Parliament of Sint Maarten
CC 26	August 13, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	Presentation by the Ombudsman of Sint Maarten
CC 27	August 13, 2013	Central Committee Meeting	Presentation by the Council of Advice of Sint Maarten

## PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CKAIR 1	September 20, 2012	Committee Kingdom Affairs and	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verdrag inzake de bescherming van het immaterieel cultureel erfgoed; Parijs 17 oktober 2003 (Trb. 2011, 151) (IS/260/2011-2012 d.d. 15 maart 2012)</li> <li>2. Maatregelen ATCM XXXIV-1 t/m ATCM XXXIV-12 van 2011 bij het Verdrag inzake Antarctica; Washington, 1 december 1959 (IS/261/2011-2012 d.d. 15 maart 2012)</li> <li>3. Antwoorden op door een aantal Tweede Kamerleden gestelde vragen inzake ticketprijzen zoals in de afspraaklijst van het IPKO staat vermeld (Kamerstuk 1642) (IS/285/2011-2012 d.d. 21 maart 2012)</li> <li>4. Wijzigingen van Bijlage IV en Bijlage V bij het Internationaal Verdrag ter voorkoming van verontreiniging door schepen, 1973, zoals gewijzigd door het Protocol van 1978; 15 juli 2011 (IS/289/2011-2012 d.d. 26 maart 2012)</li> <li>5. Rapportage over stand van zaken parlementaire goedkeuring verdragen (IS/290/2011-2012 d.d. 26 maart 2012)</li> <li>6. Voorstel samenwerking IPKO (IS/307/2011-2012 d.d. 2 april 2012)</li> <li>7. Voorstel tot wijziging van de Rijkswet op het Nederlandschap ter aanscherping van de voorwaarden voor verkrijging en verlening van het Nederlandschap (IS/312/2011-2012 d.d. 5 april 2012)</li> <li>8. Voorstel van Rijkswet tot goedkeuring van het op 1 november 2002 te Londen tot stand gekomen Protocol van 2002 bij het Verdrag van Athene inzake vervoer van passagiers en hun bagage over zee, 1974 (Trb. 2011, 110) met toebehoren (IS/331/2011-2012 d.d. 23 april 2012)</li> <li>9. Voorstel van rijkswet houdende goedkeuring van het op 31 januari 1995 te Straatsburg tot stand gekomen Verdrag inzake de sluikehandel over zee, ter uitvoering van artikel 17 van het Verdrag van de Verenigde Naties tegen de sluikehandel in verdovende middelen en psychotrope stoffen (Trb. 2010, 165 en 299) met toebehoren (IS/332/2011-2012 d.d. 23 april 2012)</li> <li>10. Voorstel van rijkswet houdende goedkeuring van het op 27 mei te Parijs tot stand gekomen Protocol tot wijziging van het Verdrag inzake wederzijdse administratieve bijstand in belastingzaken (Trb. 2010, 221)</li> </ol>

CKAIR 2	November 16, 2012	Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations Meeting	Besluit betreffende de associatie van de landen en gebieden overzee met de Europese Unie ("LGO-besluit"), COM(2012) 362 en Advies inzake een Besluit van de Raad van de Europese Unie betreffende de associatie van de landen (IS/083/2012-2103, d.d. 10/okt2102) en gebieden overzee met de Europese Unie ("LGO-besluit") (IS/177/2012-2103, d.d. 14/nov/2102)
CKAIR 3	December 11, 2012	Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations Meeting	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie
CKAIR 4	January 30, 2013	Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations Meeting	Vorbereiding Interparlementair Koninkrijksoverleg (IPKO) te houden in Den Haag van dinsdag 5 tot en met vrijdag 8 maart 2013 a. Vaststelling delegatie; b. Status werkgroepen; c. Werkbezoeken
CKAIR 5	February 15, 2013	Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations Meeting	Vorbereiding Interparlementair Koninkrijksoverleg (IPKO) te houden in Den Haag van dinsdag 5 tot en met vrijdag 8 maart 2013 a. Status werkgroepen; b. Vorbereiding Notities (A-4tjes) c. Werkbezoeken
CKAIR 6	February 20, 2013	Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations Meeting	Vervolg voorbereiding Interparlementair Koninkrijksoverleg (IPKO) te houden in Den Haag van dinsdag 5 tot en met vrijdag 8 maart 2013 a. Bespreking stuk Curaçao inzake buitenlands handelsbeleid (IS/362/12-13, d.d. 13/feb/2013) b. Onderwerpen te bespreken met studenten c. Verdere voorbereiding A4-tjes
CKAIR 7	February 28, 2013	Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations Meeting	Vervolg voorbereiding Interparlementair Koninkrijksoverleg (IPKO) te houden in Den Haag van dinsdag 5 tot en met vrijdag 8 maart 2013



CKAIR 8	August 23, 2013	Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Voorstel van wet van het lid Bosman houdende regulering van de vestiging van Nederlanders van Aruba, Curaçao en Sint Maarten in Nederland (Kamerstuk 33 325) (IS/765/12-13, d.d. 12/jul/2013)</li> <li>2. Initiatiefnota van de Tweede Kamerleden Bosman en Van Raak inzake het Nederlandse Gemenebest (IS/756/12-12, d.d. 04/jul/2013)</li> <li>3. Overeenkomst tussen het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden en de Verenigde Staten van Amerika betreffende de status van personeel van de Verenigde Staten in Caribisch deel van het Koninkrijk; Washington, 19 oktober 2012 (IS/679/12-13, d.d. 05/jun/2013)</li> <li>4. Verdrag tussen het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden en de Verenigde Staten van Amerika inzake technische samenwerking op het gebied van civiele luchtvaartveiligheid; Washington, 23 mei 2013 (Trb. 2013, 86) (IS/730/12-13, d.d. 21/jun/2013)</li> <li>5. Voorstel van Rijkswet houdende goedkeuring van het op 12 mei 2011 te 's Gravenhage tot stand gekomen Verdrag inzake de overbrenging van gevonniste personen tussen het koninkrijk der Nederlanden en de Republiek Peru (Trb. 2011,109) (IS/395/12-13, d.d. 25/feb/2013)</li> </ol>
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## COMMITTEE COUNTRY'S EXPENDITURES MEETING

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CLU 1	December 11, 2012	Committee Country's Expenditures Meeting	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie

## COMMITTEE OF JUSTICE

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CJ 1	December 11, 2012	Committee of Justice Meeting	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie
CJ 2	January 23, 2013	Committee of Justice Meeting	Werkbezoek aan de Pointe Blanche Gevangenis
CJ 3	August 19, 2013	Committee of Justice Meeting	Uitnodiging voor een demonstratie op het project Elektronisch Toezicht (ET) Land Sint Maarten op maandag 19 augustus 2013, om 10:45 uur bij de Gevangenis te Point Blanche (vide bijlage)

## COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS AFFAIRS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CECYSA1	December 11, 2012	Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs Meeting	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie
CECYSA2	February 28, 2013	Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs Meeting	Courtesy visit of the Rector Magnificus, mr dr. Francis B.G. de Lanoy, of the University of the Netherlands Antilles  (This meeting was requested the President of the USN, IS/385/12-13, d.d. 19/feb/2013)

## COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CP 1	December 11, 2012	Committee of Petitions Meeting	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REVISION RULES OF ORDER

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
BCHRvO 1	December 11, 2012	Ad Hoc Committee Revision Rules of Order Meeting	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie

## COMMITTEE OF TOURISM, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CTEATT 1	October 11, 2012	Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and	Discussion with Mr. Van Geel concerning his involvement in the project to establish Sint Maarten as a sub-hub to Panama and the north-eastern Caribbean  (This meeting was requested by MP F.G. Richardson and Lloyd J. Richardson, IS/047/12-13, d.d. 1 oktober 2012)
CTEATT 1	December 11, 2012	Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie
CTEATT 3	February 12, 2013	Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and	State of Affairs Harbour and Industry for Marine Sector
CTEATT 4	February 19, 2013	Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and	State of Affairs PJIA



CTEATT 6	August 22, 2013	Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication Meeting	Discussion with the Sint Maarten Hotel and Trade Association (SHTA)
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## COMMITTEE OF HOUSING, SPATIAL PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CHSPEI 1	December 11, 2012	Committee of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure Meeting	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie
CHSPEI 2	February 21, 2013	Committee of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure Meeting	Presentation by GreenTECH BV on energy saving solutions (This meeting was requested by GreenTECH BV (IS/261/12-13, d.d. 17/dec/2012)

## COMMITTEE OF HEALTH CARE, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting	Agenda
CHCSDL 1	September 13, 2012	Committee of Health Care, Social Development and Labor Meeting	Discussion with the Supervisory Council Sint Maarten Medical Center (SMMC) on: a. Financing and progress expansion SMMC; b. Operation and functioning of SMMC; c. Allegations of medical negligence and malpractice; d. Reporting procedures on medical incidents and contagious diseases.
CHCSDL 2	December 11, 2012	Committee of Health Care, Social Development and Labor Meeting	Aanwijzing van een voorzitter en een plaatsvervangende voorzitter van de commissie

## PRESIDIUM MEETINGS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting
Pres 1	September 13, 2012	Presidium Meeting
Pres 2	November 6, 2012	Presidium Meeting
Pres 3	February 13, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 4	March 11, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 5	March 28, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 6	April 22, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 7	May 29, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 8	May 30, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 9	July 10, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 10	July 15, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 11	July 17, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 12	August 9, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 13	August 12, 2013	Presidium Meeting
Pres 14	August 12, 2013	Presidium Meeting

## SENIORENCONVENT MEETINGS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Meeting
SC 1	October 3, 2012	Seniorenconvent Meeting
SC 2	October 16, 2012	Seniorenconvent Meeting
SC 3	December 5, 2012	Seniorenconvent Meeting
SC 4	April 4, 2013	Seniorenconvent Meeting
SC 5	April 23, 2013	Seniorenconvent Meeting
SC 6	June 27, 2013	Seniorenconvent Meeting
SC 7	August 12, 2013	Seniorenconvent Meeting

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

	PM1	PM2	PM1	PM3	PM4	PM5	PM6	PM6	PM6	PM7	
	12-Oct	21-Nov	23-Nov	12-Mar	22-Mar	16-Apr	17-May	20-May	24-May	24-Jun	% Present
RES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	90
JEL	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	80
JCJ	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	80
RAGD	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100
RJL	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	60
LEL	A	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	60
GRA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100
HCR	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100
LJR	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100
GCP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100
FGR	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	A	A	30
PLW	A	A	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	60
RRM	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	80
SVMO	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	80
PGI	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	50

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# CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	CCM1	CCM2	CCM3	CCM5	CCM3	CCM6	CCM5	CCM8	CCM4	CCM3	CCM7	CCM4	CCM3	CCM6	CCM4
	14-Sep	8-Oct	8-Oct	11-Oct	22-Oct	2-Nov	8-Nov	13-Nov	19-Nov	20-Nov	22-Nov	3-Dec	4-Dec	6-Dec	10-Dec
RES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
JEL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
JCJ	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
RAGD	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
RJL	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	P
LEL	P	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
GRA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
HCR	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
LJR	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
GCP	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
FGR	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	A	P
PLDW	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	P	A	A
RRM	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	A
SVMO	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
PGI	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	P

CCM9	CCM10	CCM6	CCM11	CCM7	CCM13	CCM7	CCM3	CCM15	CCM16	CCM15	CCM17	CCM18	CCM19	CCM20	CCM14
14-Dec	15-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	28-Jan	7-Feb	8-Feb	18-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	11-Mar	12-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	21-Mar
A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P
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CCM21	CCM22	CCM23	CCM23	CCM23	CCM23	CCM23	CCM5	CCM25	CCM26	CCM27		
22-Mar	28-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar	11-Mar	12-Mar	8-Aug	9-Aug	13-Aug	13-Aug	% Present	
P	p	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	84	RES
P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	95	JEL
A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	78	JCJ
A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	74	RAGD
A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	64	RJL
A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	A	57	LEL
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	92	GRA
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	92	HCR
A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	80	LJR
A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	90	GCP
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	76	FGR
A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	73	PLDW
A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	64	RRM
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	A	76	SVMO
A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	76	PGI

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REVISION OF RULES OF ORDER

	AHCroO 1	
	10-Dec	Presentie %
LJR	P	100
RRM	P	100
SVMO	P	100
GRA	P	
FGR	P	
LEL	P	

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## COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION, CULTURE YOUTH AND SPORTS AFFAIRS

	CECYSA 1	CECYSA 2	Presentie %
	11-Dec	28-Feb	
SVMO	P	P	100
PLdW	P	A	50
LEL	A	A	0
RJL	P	P	100
JEL	P	P	
RRM	P		
GCP	P		
GRA	P	P	
FGR	P		
LJR		P	

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## COMMITTEE OF HEALTH CARE, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR

	CHCSDL 1	
	11-Dec	Presentie %
SVMO	p	100
RRM	P	100
PGI	P	100
GCP	P	100
FGR	P	100
RJL	P	100
JCJ	P	100
RAGD	A	0
GRA	P	100
LJR	P	100
JEL	P	100
PGI	P	100
RRM	P	100
LEL	P	100

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## COMMITTEE OF HOUSING, SPATIAL PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

	CVROMI 1	CVROMI 2	Presentie
	11 DDEC	21-Feb	
RJL	P	P	100
PGI	P	P	100
RRM	P	A	50
LJR	P	P	100
GRA	P	P	100
JEL	P		
GCP	P		
FGR	P	P	
SVMO	P		
JCJ	P	P	

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## COMMITTEE OF KINGDOM RELATIONS AND INTERPARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

	CKIAR 1	CKIAR 2	CKIAR 3	CKIAR 4	CKIAR 5	CKIAR 6	CKIAR 7	CKIAR 8	Presentie %
	20-Sep	16-Nov	11-Dec	30-Jan	15-Feb	20-Feb	28-Feb	23-Aug	
RRM	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	75
RAGD	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	75
PGI	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100
GCP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100
FGR	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	100
RJL	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	75
JEL	P			P					
JCJ	P			P	P			P	
GRA		P	P	P		P	P		
LJR		P	P	P				P	
LEL			P						
PLDW				P				P	
REM								P	

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## COMMITTEE OF COUNTRY'S EXPENDITURES

	CF 1	Presentie %
	11-Dec	
GCP	P	100
RRM	P	100
PGI	P	100
FGR	P	100
RJL	P	100
JCJ	P	100

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## COMMITTEE OF TOURISM, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION

	CTEATT 1	CTEATT 2	CTEATT 3	CTEATT 4	CTEATT 5	
	11-Oct	11-Dec	12-Feb	19-Feb	22-Aug	Presentie %
JCJ	P	P	P	P	A	80
PLDW	A	P	P	A	P	60
PGI	A	P	P	P	P	80
RJL	P	P	P	P	A	80
FGR	P	P	A	P	P	80
LJR					P	
JEL	P			P	P	
LRJ	P		P			
RAGD	P					
GRA		P	P			
GCP		P	P	P		
RRM		P	P			
LEL		P			P	
RES				P		
RRM					P	

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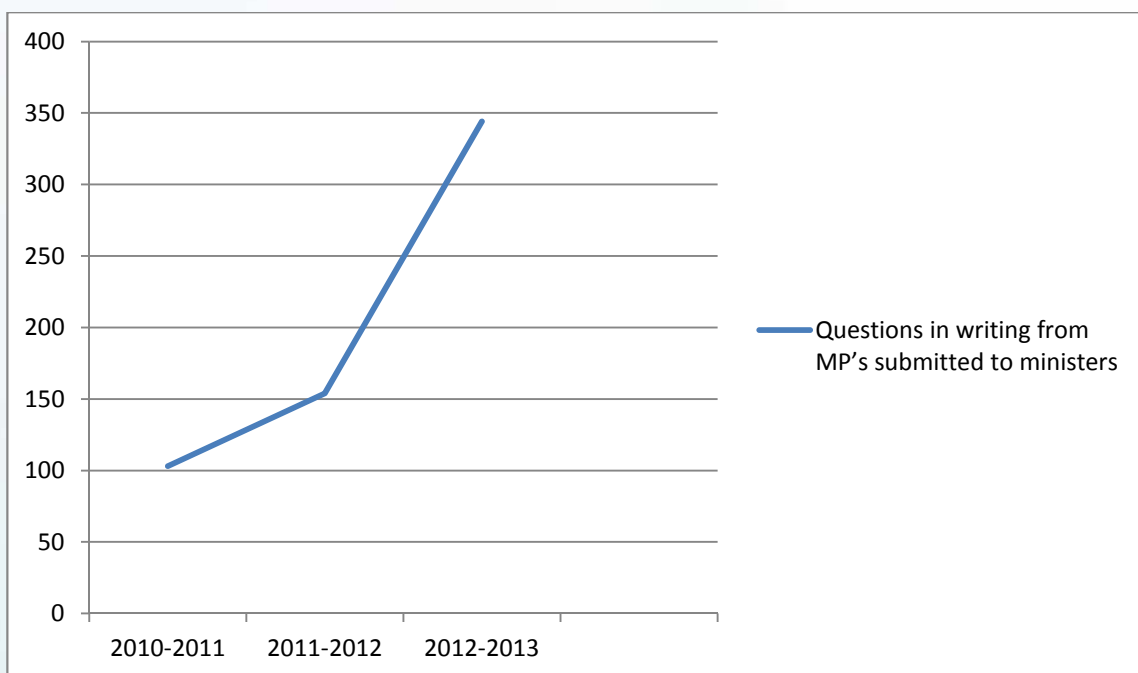
## COMMITTEE OF JUSTICE

	CJ 1	CJo2	CLo3	
	11-Dec	23-Jan	19-Aug	Presentielijst %
PGI	P	P	P	100
GCP	P	P	A	66
PLdW	P	A	P	66
JEL	P	P	P	100
GRA	P	p	A	66

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## FACTS & FIGURES

### QUESTIONS IN WRITEN FROM MP'S SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS DURING THE PERIOD 2010 - 2013

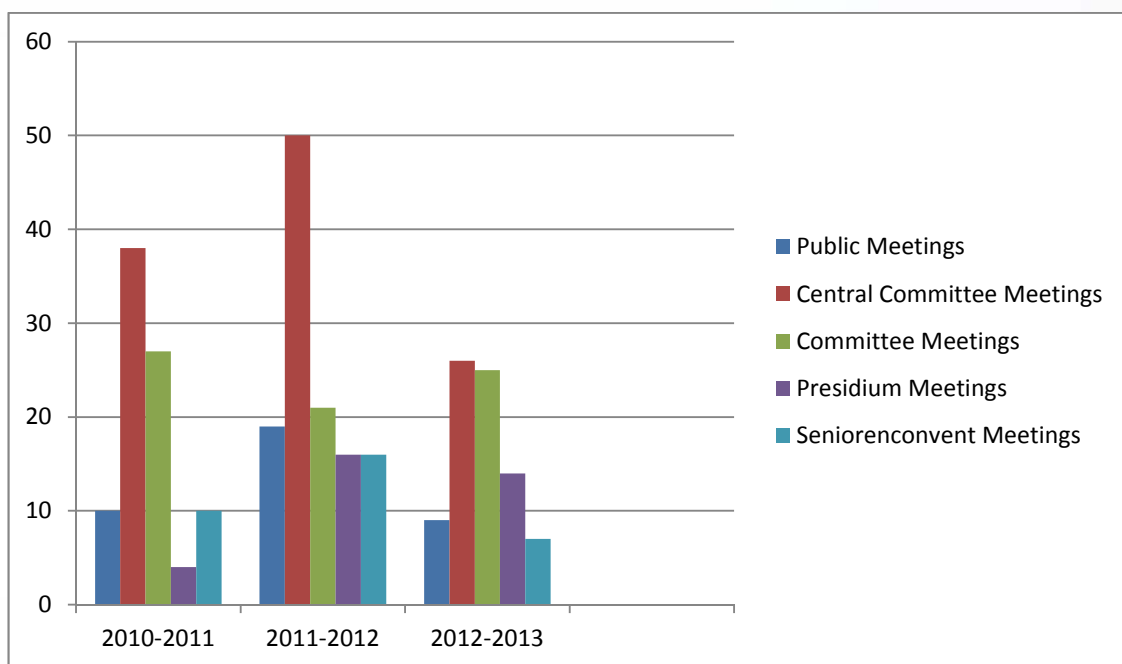


PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	QUESTIONS IN WRITING FROM MP'S SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS
2010 - 2011	103
2011 - 2012	154
2012 - 2013	344 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This amount includes questions already asked by Members during a meeting that were later on also submitted by these Members

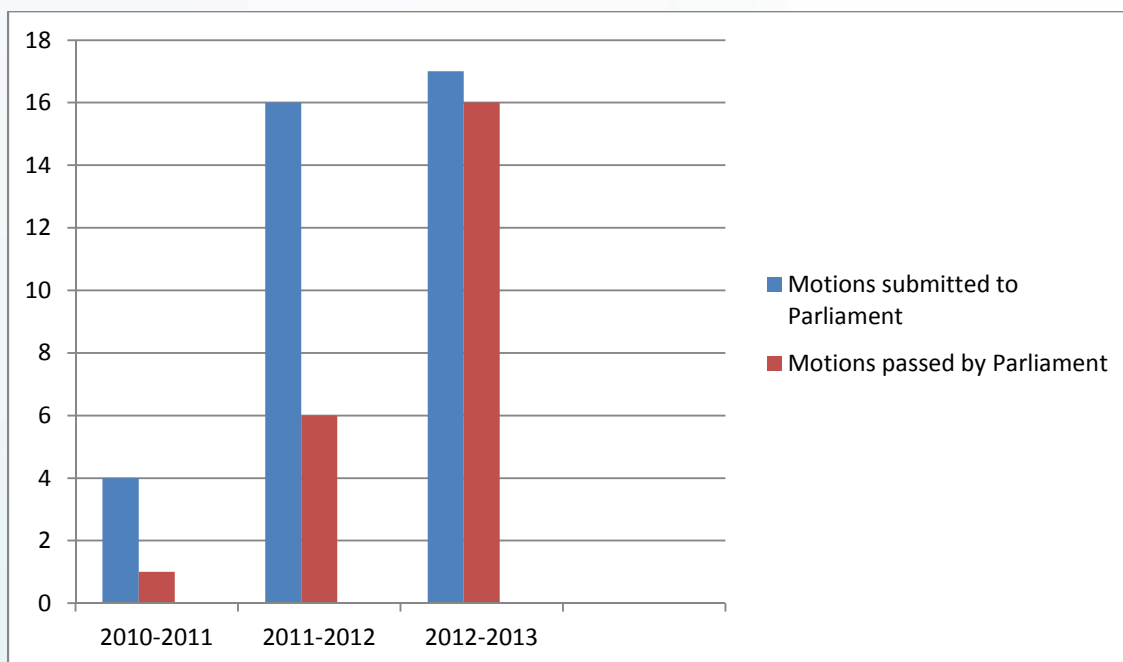


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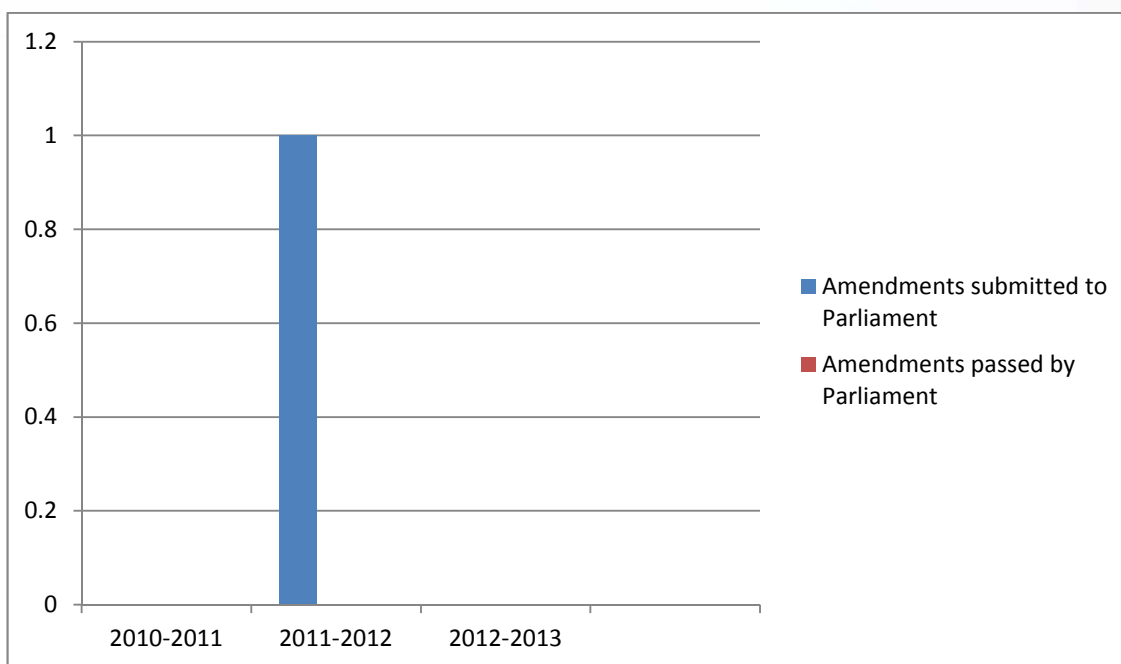
PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	PUBLIC MEETINGS	CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	PRESIDIUM MEETINGS	SENIORENCONVENT MEETINGS
2010 - 2011	10	38	27	4	10
2011 - 2012	19	50	21	16	16
2012 - 2013	9	26	25	14	7

## MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT DURING THE PERIOD 2010 - 2013



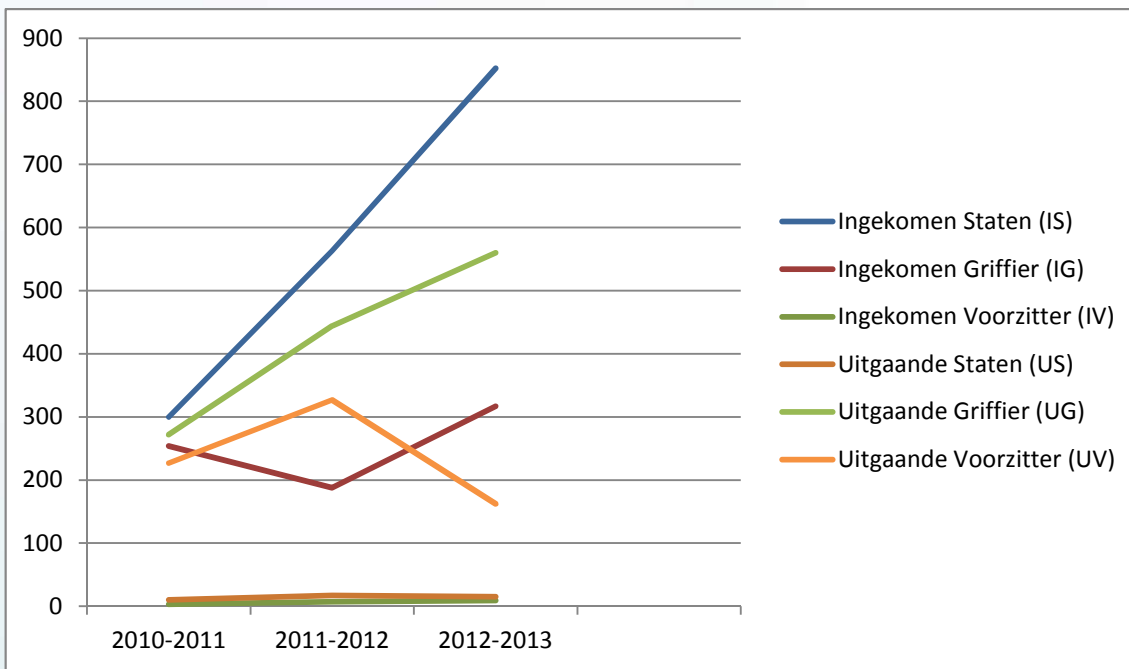
PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT	MOTIONS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT
2010 - 2011	4	1
2011 - 2012	16	6
2012 - 2013	17	16

### ADMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT DURING THE PERIOD 2010 - 2013



PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	ADMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT	AMENDMENTS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT
2010 - 2011	0	0
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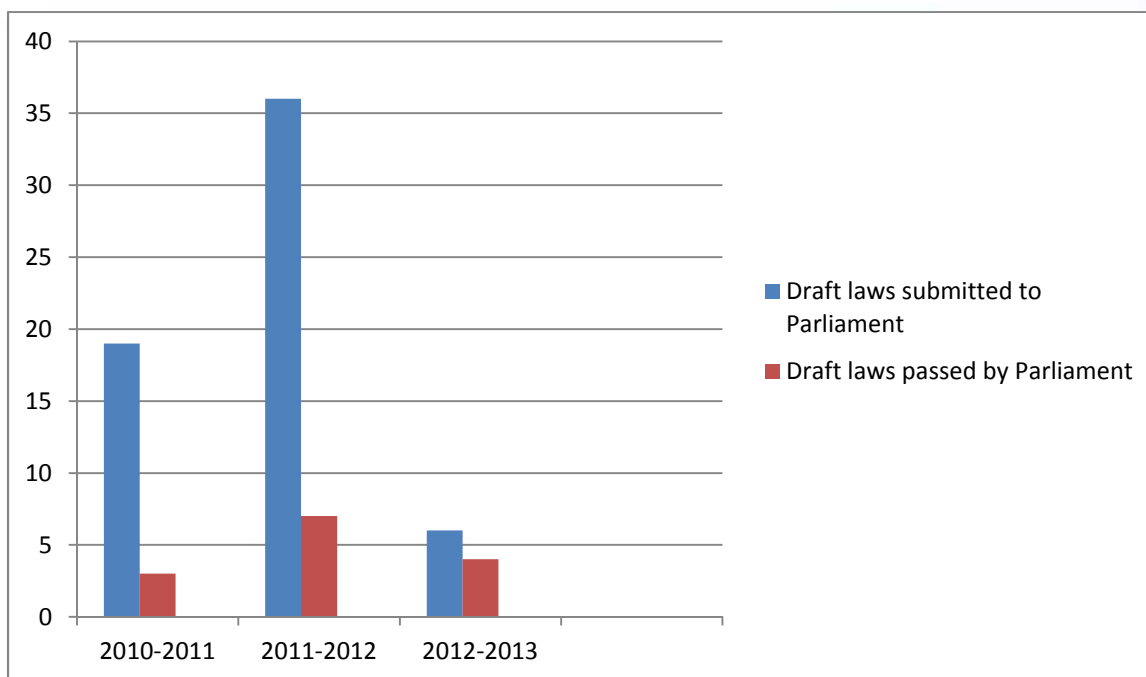
## INCOMING AND OUTGOING DOCUMENTS OF PARLIAMENT DURING THE PERIOD 2010 - 2013



PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	INGEKOMEN STATEN	INGEKOMEN GRIFFIER (IG)	INGEKOMEN VOORZITTER (IV)	UITGAANDE STATEN (US)	UITGAANDE GRIFFIER (UG)	UITGAANDE VOORZITTER (UV)
2010 - 2011	300	254	3	10	272	227
2011 - 2012	563	188	7	17	444	327
2012 - 2013	852	317	9	15	560	162



## DRAFT LAWS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT DURING THE PERIOD 2010 - 2013



PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	DRAFT LAWS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT	DRAFT LAWS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT
2010 - 2011	19 <sup>1</sup>	3
2011 - 2012	36 <sup>2</sup>	7
2012 - 2013	6	4

<sup>1</sup>Based on Additional Article IV, paragraph 1 and 2 of the Constitution of Sint Maarten, Parliament decided to proceed with the handling of the draft national ordinances submitted to the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles, by the Government of the Netherlands Antilles or a member of the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles, before the Constitution of Sint Maarten came into effect.

<sup>2</sup>Same as abovementioned.

## DRAFT LAWS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT IN THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2012 -2013

1. Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-028 Initiatieflandsverordening tot wijziging van Boek 7 ter zake van timeshare (Landsverordening herziening timeshare)
2. Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-029 Initiatieflandsverordening tot instelling van een Timeshare Autoriteit (St. Maarten Timeshare Authority Ordinance)
3. Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-030 Landsverordening tot aanpassing van verschillende landsverordeningen vanwege de troonopvolging
4. Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-031 Landsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2013
5. Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-032 Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het daar 2012 (Eerste Suppletoire begroting)
6. Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-033 Initiatiefontwerplandsverordening tot wijziging van de landsverordening natuurbescherming Sint Maarten van 1 september 2003 (AB 2003, no. 25)

## DRAFT LAWS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT IN THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2012 -2013

1. Zittingsjaar 2011-2012-023 Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Legesverordening 1994 en enige andere landsverordeningen in verband met de invoering van nieuwe identiteitskaarten en rijbewijzen
2. Zittingsjaar 2011-2012-021 (Statenummer 3513) Landsverordening houdende wijziging van de landsverordening op de weerkorpsen 1997
3. Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-030 Landsverordening tot aanpassing van verschillende landsverordeningen vanwege de troonopvolging
4. Zittingsjaar 2012-2013-031 Landsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2013

## LIST OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT

<b>COMMITTEE OF HOUSING, SPATIAL PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b> <b>COMMISSIE VOLKSHUISVESTING, RUIMTELIJKE ORDENING, MILIEU EN INFRASTRUCTUUR</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS AFFAIRS</b> <b>COMMISSIE ONDERWIJS, CULTUUR, JEUGD EN SPORT</b>
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<b>COMMITTEE OF FINANCE</b> <b>COMMISSIE FINANCIËN</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF KINGDOM AFFAIRS AND INTERPARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS</b> <b>COMMISSIE KONINKRIJKAANGELEGENHEDEN EN INTERPARLEMENTAIRE</b>
MP George C. Pantophlet, (Chairman) MP Roy R. Marlin, (Vice chairman) MP Patrick G. Illidge MP Frans G. Richardson MP Romain J. Laville MP Jules C. James	MP Roy R. Marlin, (Chairman) MP George C. Pantophlet, (Vice chairman) MP Patrick G. Illidge MP Frans G. Richardson MP Ruth A.G. Douglass, MD
<b>COMMITTEE OF TOURISM, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION</b> <b>COMMISSIE TOERISME, ECONOMISCHE ZAKEN, TRANSPORT EN TELECOMMUNICATIE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS</b> <b>COMMISSIE VERZOEKSCRIFTEN</b>
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<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE REVISION OF RULES OF ORDER</b> <b>BIJZONDERE COMMISSIE HERZIENING REGLEMENT VAN ORDE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE COUNTRY'S EXPENDITURE</b> <b>COMMISSIE LANDSUITGAVEN</b>
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<b>ASUNTOS ECONÓMICOS, DEUDA SOCIAL Y DESARROLLO REGIONAL</b> <b>ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SOCIAL DEBT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>EQUIDAD, GENERO, NINEZ Y JUVENTUD</b> <b>GENDER EQUITY, CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH</b>
MP Jules C. James MP Frans G. Richardson	MP Lloyd J. Richardson, MD MP Frans G. Richardson MP drs. Gracita R. Arrindell
<b>SEGURIDAD CIUDADANA, COMBATE Y PREVENCIÓN DE NARCOTRÁFICO, TERRORISMO Y CRÍMEN ORGANIZADA</b> <b>CITIZEN SAFETY, COMBAT AND PREVENTION OF NARCOTRAFIC, TERRORISM AND ORGANIZED CRIME</b>	<b>AGRICULTURA , GANADERÍA Y PESCA</b> <b>AGRICULTURE, CATTLE RAISING AND FISHERY</b>
MP Johan E. Leonard MP George C. Pantophlet	MP Hyacinth L. Richardson MP Patrick G. Illidge MP Jules C. James
<b>EDUCACIÓN, CULTURA, CIENCIA, TECNOLOGÍA Y COMUNICACIÓN</b> <b>EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>MEDIO AMBIENTE Y TURISMO</b> <b>ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM</b>
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<b>COMISIÓN DE SALUD</b> <b>HEALTH</b>	<b>ASUNTOS LABORALES, SEGURIDAD SOCIAL Y ASUNTOS JURÍDICOS</b> <b>LABOR, SOCIAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS</b>
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<b>DERECHOS HUMANOS, JUSTICIA Y POLÍTICAS CARCELARIAS</b> <b>HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND PRISON POLICIES</b>	<b>ENERGÍA Y MINAS</b> <b>ENERGY AND MINES</b>
MP George C. Pantphlet MP Petrus L. De Weever MP Patrick G. Illidge MP Johan E. Leonard	MP Romain J. Laville MP Louie E. Laveist MP Jules C. James
<b>ASUNTOS POLÍTICOS, MUNICIPALES Y DE LA INTEGRACIÓN</b> <b>POLITCAL, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND FOR INTEGRATION</b>	
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