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# FOREWORD



Dear Colleagues, Honorable Members of Parliament and readers,

I present you the Annual report of the Parliament of Sint Maarten for the Parliamentary year 2015-2016.

I can look back at these months in the 2015-2016 Parliamentary year with a strong sense of satisfaction and pride. It was a year of change in which a new government was formed and a number of initiative laws were drafted and presented to Parliament.

This report reflects the achievements in passing laws, performing Parliament's supervisory function in scrutinizing institutions, passing the budget, examining petitions and the start of digitalizing Parliament's archives. To achieve all this, Public meetings were held, Members of other parliaments visited Sint Maarten and occasionally our Members went to Parlantino member countries or one or more countries within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

In presenting this Annual report, I am also satisfied and proud to announce that we were able to send a Sint Maartener to follow a study to become a legislative lawyer, "Wetgevingsjurist", in the Netherlands for two years. We also saw promotion from within with the elevation of our 2nd Acting Secretary General to the 1st Acting Secretary General position.

In the first week of January 2016, Parliament was host to a meeting of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultations (IPKO). Through the hard work and dedication of our Parliament staff, delegates were able to not only dialogue on important Kingdom matters at the conference but were also able to get tours of our air and sea ports as well as the island's main water production plant. The feedback we got from these visiting Parliamentarians was overwhelmingly positive and appreciative.

In March, the 2016 Budget of the Country was presented to Parliament and as in past years there were lively and spirited debates that sometimes carried on into the late evening hours. Nevertheless, Parliament was able to pass a balanced budget, which was later approved by the Committee for Financial Supervision (CFT).

In closing, though there were definitely challenges and a period of tumultuous transition during the 2015-2016 cycle, together we rallied and were able to accomplish a number of goals. I look forward to continuing the momentum in the upcoming Parliamentary year. I commend the Secretary General of Parliament and her staff for their tireless work and continued commitment.

Respectfully,

Sarah A. Wescot-Williams  
President of Parliament



# INTRODUCTION

# PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

## TASKS AND COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT

The 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 from their own number. 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;
- maintaining order during and the adjourning of deliberations;
- 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 21 of the Rules of Order, Parliament consists of various permanent and special committees. Currently there are 13 committees:

- Central Committee;
- Committee of Petitions;
- Committee of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure;
- Committee of Justice;
- Committee of General Affairs;
- Committee of Finance;
- Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication;
- Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs;
- Committee of Public Health, Social Development and Labor;
- Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations;
- Committee of Country's Expenditures;
- Ad Hoc Committee for the Preparation of the Construction of the New Building for Parliament;
- Ad Hoc Committee of Integrity.

The Faction Leaders meeting, comprising of the President of Parliament and the Faction leaders of the parties represented in Parliament according to article 12 of the Rules of Order, plays a key role in the functioning of Parliament. In this setting often political issues are discussed in order to determine each faction's standpoint before the issue is brought to a Public Meeting.

The powers of Parliament are clearly stated in the Constitution:

- 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 eight factions: the faction of the United Peoples Party (5), the faction of the National Alliance (4), the faction of the Democratic Party (1), the faction of the United St. Maarten Party (1), the faction of Independent MP Van Hugh C. de Weever (1) the faction of Independent MP Leona M. Marlin-Romeo (1) the faction of Independent MP Maurice A. Lake and Independent MP Silvio J. Matser (1).

On October 13, 2015 "the appointment of the President and Vice Presidents of Parliament" was scheduled for a Public meeting. However the 2nd Vice President at the time MP Van Hugh C. de Weever indicated that it is a known fact that the Prime Minister has submitted a national decree to dissolve Parliament in accordance with article 59 of the Constitution. The 2nd Vice President further informed the Members that he had requested legal advice on the matter and made use of article 37 of the Rules of Order to close the meeting.

On that same day, in an *extraordinary meeting*, MP Sarah A. Wescot-Williams was elected President of Parliament along with MP George C. Pantophlet as the 1st Vice-President and MP Frans G. Richardson as the 2nd Vice-President of Parliament.

It should also be noted that by letter of October 12, 2015 (registered at Parliament on October 13, 2015) MP Lloyd J. Richardson, MD resigned as President of Parliament due to the new majority in Parliament. Similar letters were also received by 1st Vice President MP Leona Marlin- Romeo and 2nd Vice President MP Van Hugh C. de Weever on October 13 and October 1, 2015 respectively.





# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

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Minutes of the public meeting of Parliament on Thursday October 15th 2015 at 18.00.  
 Chaired by MP George Pantophlet.

Present: MP William Marlin, MP Sarah Wescot-Williams, MP George Pantophlet,  
 MP. Silveria Jacobs, MP Frans Richardson, MP Maurice Lake, MP Silvio Matser,  
 MP Christophe Emmanuel.

At 18.05 the chairperson George Pantophlet in accordance with Article 34 paragraph 2 establishes that there is a quorum and opens the meeting.

Referring to the fact that there is no one of the Clerk Office available to take the minutes in accordance with Article 38 paragraph 1, the chairperson George Pantophlet proposes to the meeting under Article 95 to ask Mr. Ed Gumbs to take the minutes of this meeting. All present 8 Members of Parliament agree with the proposal and Mr. Ed Gumbs is allowed to take the minutes.

After Mr. Ed Gumbs joins the meeting, the chairperson George Pantophlet continues the meeting and establishes that there are no notifications.

The chairperson George Pantophlet explains that seeing the urgency of this meeting, he finds it necessary to give some explanation to the people and then cites out of the letter of invitation to The Members of Parliament dated October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

“The new majority in Parliament of 8 requested for this urgent meeting of Parliament today with one agenda point: Appointment of a chairperson of Parliament, a first deputy chairperson Parliament and a second deputy chairperson of Parliament.

The motivation was that On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, a majority in Parliament informed H.E. the Governor of Sint Maarten of its agreement to work together and form a new coalition, consisting of 8 Members of Parliament.

On said date, a motion of no confidence was passed by the Parliament of Sint Maarten against the 7 ministers of government.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, during a parliamentary meeting, duly convened, the chairperson, MP Dr. Lloyd Richardson at the last moment excused himself and passed the duties of chairing the meeting to the second deputy chairperson, in the absence of the first deputy chairperson.

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The second chairperson, MP V.H.C. de Weever abrogated this responsibility by refusing to take up the chairmanship duties, citing having made his position available. This was done by letter dated September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The next in line to fulfill duties of chairperson would be amongst the longest serving, the oldest member. This duty therefore befell MP Johan Leonard, who also declined. At the last moment MP George Pantophlet was the designated chairperson, based on the same ranking mentioned before. However MP Pantophlet could only establish that there was no quorum and called of the meeting.

By letter dated October 12<sup>th</sup>, the chairperson of Parliament, the honorable MP Dr. Lloyd Richardson, made his position available and subsequently left the country as Parliament President, which in itself is an anomaly.

A legally constituted public meeting was convened for October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 09.00 hours.

Misusing his authority, the second vice chairperson of Parliament unlawfully closed this meeting of Parliament under the mom of requesting legal clarification on the decision of government to dissolve Parliament. This closure has been done indefinitely.

With the aforementioned actions by the Members of the Presidium of Parliament, the functioning of Parliament is in serious jeopardy.

Therefore the Members of Parliament, have agreed to call for a meeting of Parliament and making use of Article 6, sub 4 of the Rules of Order of Parliament, relieve MP Dr. Lloyd Richardson, MP Leona Marlin-Romeo and MP Van Hugh C. de Weever, respectively chairperson, first deputy chairperson and second deputy chairperson of the Parliament of Sint Maarten of their aforementioned positions as per immediate.

And further in accordance with article 6, sub 4 of the Rules of Order appoint a new chairperson and two deputy chairpersons.”

MP William Marlin is granted the word and states that for clarification sake and to avoid possible misinterpretation it is necessary that the meeting acknowledges the receipt of the letters of resignation of the Chairman, MP Dr. Lloyd Richardson, the first vice chairperson MP Leona Marlin-Romeo and the second vice chairperson MP Van Hugh Cornelius de Weever. And formally accepts their resignations and relieves them of their duties as Presidium.

The meeting accepts MP William Marlin proposal and formally relieves Chairman, MP Dr. Lloyd Richardson, the first vice chairperson MP Leona Marlin-Romeo and the second vice chairperson MP Van Hugh Cornelius de Weever of their duties as members of the Presidium.

Chairperson George Pantophlet appoints MP Frans Richardson and MP Maurice Lake as the two members of the Ballot Committee that is needed before going over to the voting for a new Chairperson of Parliament.



The chairperson George Pantophlet asks the meeting to cast their votes for the election of the Chairperson of Parliament.

The voting ballots are collected and the two members of the Ballot Committee go over to count the votes cast.

MP Frans Richardson establishes that there are eight (8) votes casted and all are for MP Sarah Williams-Wescot and that she therefor is elected as Chairperson of Parliament. MP Sarah Williams-Wescot accepts her election as Chairperson of Parliament.

The chairperson congratulates the newly chosen Chairperson of Parliament with her election and the two members of the ballot committee are dismissed. The chairperson then suggests to adjourn the meeting for one (1) minute.

The meeting is re-opened at 18.14 by the newly chosen Chairperson MP Sarah Wescot-Williams, who thanks the meeting for her election.

The chairperson Sarah Wescot-Williams asks the same two Members of Parliament MP Frans Richardson and MP Maurice Lake to once more take up their role as members of the Ballot Committee.

The chairperson Sarah Wescot-Williams thereafter asks the meeting to cast their votes for the first vice chairperson of Parliament.

The voting ballots are collected and the two members of the Ballot Committee go over to count the votes cast.

MP Frans Richardson establishes that there are eight (8) votes cast and all are for MP George Pantophlet and that he therefore is elected as the first vice chairperson of Parliament.

MP George Pantophlet accepts his election as first deputy chairperson.

The chairperson Sarah Wescot-Williams asks the meeting to cast their votes for the election of the second vice chairperson of Parliament.

The voting ballots are collected and the two member of the Ballot Committee go over to count the votes cast.

MP Frans Richardson establishes that there are eight (8) votes cast and all are for MP Frans Richardson and that he therefore is elected as the second deputy chairman of Parliament. MP Frans Richardson accepts his election as second deputy chairperson.

The chairperson thanks the two MPs for their roles as members of the Ballot Committee and they are dismissed of this duty.

The chairperson Sarah Wescot-Williams congratulates the two elected vice chairpersons with their election. The chairperson Sarah Wescot-Williams continues on thanking all Members of Parliament, the Staff of Parliament for their contributions in helping make this meeting possible and all visitors for their interest and presence.

The chairperson Sarah Wescot-Williams renders on behalf of Parliament her thanks to the former Chairperson of Parliament MP Dr. Lloyd Richardson, the first deputy chairperson MP Leona Marlin-Romeo and the second deputy chairperson MP Van Hugh Cornelius de Weever.

The chairperson closes the meeting at 18.48 hours.



MP Sarah Wescot-Williams



MP George Pantophlet



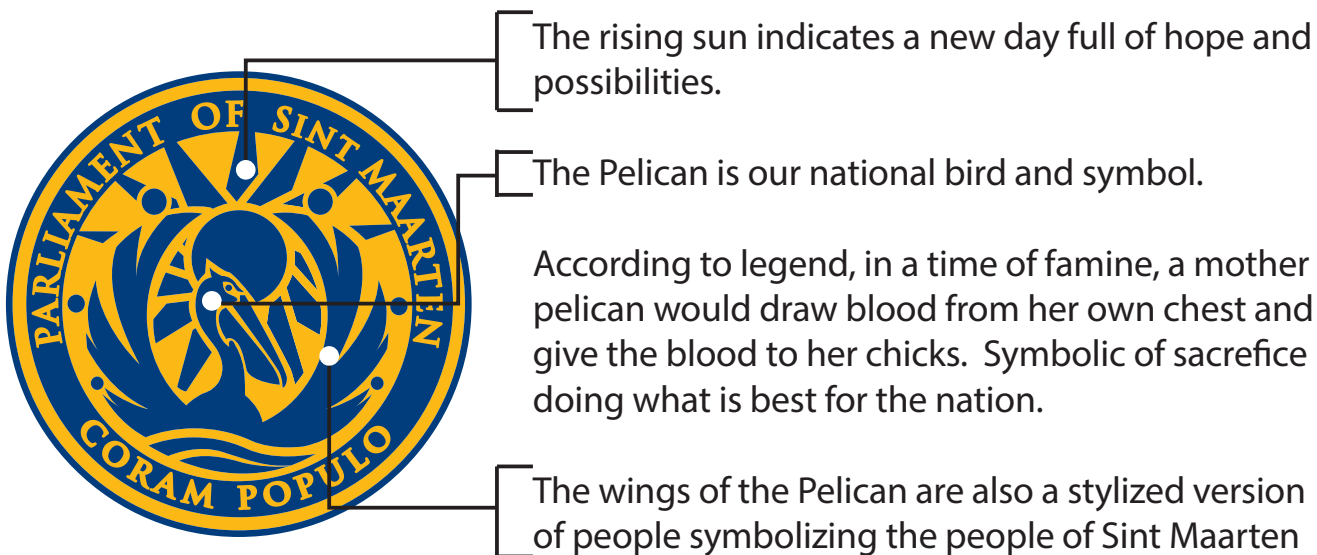
## SUPPORT OF PARLIAMENT

The Parliament has a secretariat at its disposal. The core tasks of the secretariat are to give administrative support, procedural and legal advice to the President of Parliament, the Members of Parliament and Parliament as a whole. One of the most crucial tasks of the secretariat is the preparation of the meetings. The public Parliament meetings are carried live on St. Maarten Cable TV -- Channel 120, via Pearl Radio FM 98.1, via the Internet [www.pearlradio.com](http://www.pearlradio.com) and also via [www.sxmparliament.org](http://www.sxmparliament.org).

To achieve the principal tasks, the secretariat is headed by the Secretary General Mrs. Nancy R. Guishard-Joubert, LL.M. and assisted by two acting Secretary Generals, Mr. Van Dyke Bell (until December 31, 2015) and Mrs. Ann A. Groen-Gumbs, LL. M. By decision of Parliament Mrs. Ann A. Groen-Gumbs was appointed 1st Acting Secretary General effective March 15, 2016. As of September 1, 2016 Mr. Garrick J. Richardson will be taking up the position of 2nd Acting Secretary General in which position he will be allowed to follow a course in the Netherlands to become a legislative lawyer. The staff of the secretariat totals 10 at present.

It should also be noted that all 8 factions in Parliament are supported by their own faction staff. Currently there are 19 faction staff members employed with the different factions.

## LOGO OF PARLIAMENT



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the budget year 2015 Parliament had a total amount of NAf. 11.286.291 at its disposal, which included both the costs of Parliament (budget post 2020) as well as the costs of the secretariat (budget post 2030). Parliament's actual expenses totaled NAf. 10.603.747.

These expenses included the salaries and other related costs of the Members of Parliament and their faction staff (55,34%), costs of travel for the Members of Parliament (4,31%), representation costs (2,24 %), salaries and other related costs of the staff of the secretariat (28,58%) and other expenses (9,53 %). 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

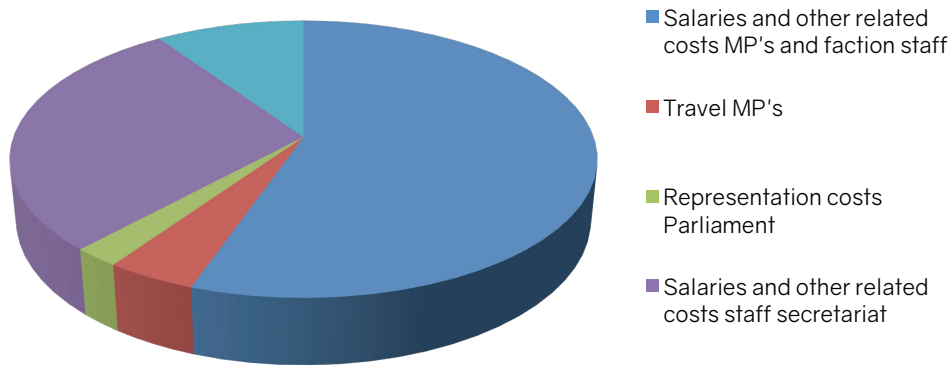
secretariat, legal and other advice, courses and training, membership and other dues.

In accordance with article 35 sub a of the Compatibility ordinance and article 17, paragraph 1 of the Rules of Order of Parliament the draft budget of Parliament for the budget year 2016 was submitted to the Minister of Finance on April 23, 2015 (UV/253/2014-2015). The draft budget of Parliament was deliberated on and accepted in the Presidium on April 9, 2015 and in the Faction leaders meeting on April 21, 2015.

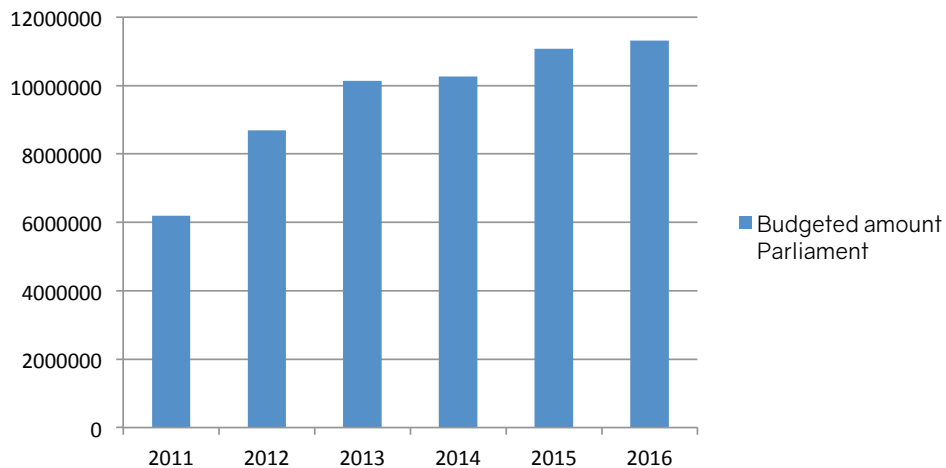
The Ordinance establishing the budget for Country Sint Maarten for the budget year 2016 was adopted on March 17, 2016. For the budget year 2016 a budgeted amount of NAf. 11.308.416 was agreed for Parliament.



### Parliament's actual expenses 2015 (Total Nafl. 10.6 million)



### Budgeted amount Parliament





# PARLIAMENTARY **YEAR IN REVIEW**

The following provides an overview of the work done by Parliament during the Parliamentary Year 2015– 2016



## SEPTEMBER

### SEPTEMBER 8, 2015



On the occasion of the opening of Parliamentary Year 2015-2016 a Solemn Public meeting was held. This is a recurring event on the second Tuesday in September, and it marks the beginning of the new parliamentary year. His Excellency the Governor of Sint Maarten, drs. Eugene B. Holiday, delivered his speech to the Members of Parliament, invited guests and the radio and television audience.

He outlined the policies of Government for the new parliamentary year. This constitutional act represents an act of projection, an act of accountability and an act of transparency. His Excellency the Governor reminded the people of Sint Maarten that on October 10, 2015 it will be five years that Sint Maarten became a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. As Sint Maarten approaches this lustrum he invited and

encouraged the people to reflect and project a better Sint Maarten for themselves and the future generation. He stated that he believes that Sint Maarten can achieve this by everyone working together.

This Solemn Public meeting was followed by a military parade, as is customary, and a reception. This year the reception was held at the Heritage House on Frontstreet and hosted by the President of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

During the reception the 3rd Annual President of Parliament Award was presented to Mr. Ralph Cantave, a 20-year-old Teen Times member. He



was awarded the Annual President of Parliament Award because of his volunteer work with the UJIMA Foundation.

Furthermore he represented the UNESCO Youth on Sint Maarten and he helped launch a resource center at the library of Sint Maarten.

### SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

An urgent Public meeting of Parliament was held on this day with the following agenda points:

1. Pending and Urgent Challenges being experienced by students and staff of the National Institute for Professional Advancement (NIPA)
2. A status update and the action plan of

government as pertains to students who have been placed (or not placed) in Secondary Public schools and have to date not started school as yet

3. Students in the Netherlands and other countries abroad who have complained that they have not yet received their Study Financing funds
4. Status of the Study Financing ordinance  
The Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs was present for this meeting. This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP W.V. Marlin and MP S.E. Jacobs (IS/015/2015-2016 dated September 10, 2015)

### **SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

In this Central Committee meeting (IS/015/2015-2016 dated September 10, 2015) the Ombudsman presented the Year Report 2014 to Parliament entitled "The Ombudsman Institution Sint Maarten Established". This Year Report comprised amongst others the activities of 2014, complaints handled, statistics, complaints investigated, the role of the Ombudsman as the guardian of the Constitution and financial reporting.

### **SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

On this day in the Committee of Finance meeting a discussion was held with the Minister of Finance on the proposed changes to the tax system of Sint Maarten.

### **SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

Parliament adopted the following national ordinance on this day:

- **Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot wijziging**

**van enige landsverordeningen in verband met de invoering van de dag van de Staatsregeling, dan wel Constitution Day, als feestdag (ZJ 2014-2015-77)(IS/1011/2014-2015 d.d. 14 augustus 2015)**

- **Draff National Ordinance amending a few National Ordinances in connection with the introduction of the date of the Constitution or Constitution Day as a National Holiday (Parliamentary Year 2014-2015-77) (IS/1011/2014-2015 dated August 14, 2015)**

Furthermore, Parliament adopted four (4) resolutions of the Tripartite meeting held from May 25-26, 2015 in the Netherlands between the countries Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten in the form of motions.

The first resolution intends for the governments of the three countries to look into making it possible for residents to use id cards as a travel document when travelling to the other islands.

The second resolution intends to emphasize the importance of the introduction of an independent institution that will issue binding rulings in strictly legal disputes where it pertains the Charter of the Kingdom as soon as possible. The third motion requires the topic "Constitutional Court" to be placed on the agenda of a next Tripartite as well as exploring the possibilities for such a (joint) Constitutional Court for the Caribbean countries of the Kingdom.

And lastly the fourth resolution intends to request the governments of Sint Maarten and Curaçao to



make the necessary changes in the tax procedure laws to make appeal in two instances possible.

### SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

On Friday, September 18 a Public meeting was held to discuss:

“The dumpsite (landfill) in Philipsburg and the plans for a waste-to-energy system for the country’s garbage problems”.

This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP W.V. Marlin and MP S.E. Jacobs. This meeting was adjourned and has not been reconvened as yet

### SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

On Monday, September 21, 2015 urgent Public meeting no. 4, was held to discuss “The settlement between the Harbor Group of Companies and the ZEBEC Company”.

This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP W.V. Marlin and MP S.E. Jacobs (IS/014/2015-2016 dated September 10, 2015)

This meeting was adjourned

and continued on the next day. due to the sensitive nature of some of the information the doors were closed based on article 78 of the Rules of Order.

### SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

A discussion was held on this date with the Committee Financial Supervision Curaçao and Sint Maarten (CFT) concerning the financial situation of Sint Maarten in a closed door meeting of the Finance Committee of Parliament.

### SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

A Public meeting was held with the following agenda points:

1. Remarks made by the Attorney General Mr. Guus Scham on the occasion of the installation of members of the Joint Court on September 11, 2015.
2. Recent developments taking place in government owned companies in general and particularly at SXM Airport. And the government not getting answers from the entities and foundations

under its jurisdiction (IS/085/ 2015-2016 dated Setember 30, 2015).

As a result of the discussion on the first agenda point Parliament unanimously adopted a motion that strongly condemed and repudiated the remarks made by Attorney General Mr. Guus Scham (IS/084/2015-2016 dated September 30, 2015).

A second motion was adopted under agenda point 2 with eight votes for and seven against stating that the Gumbs Cabinet no longer enjoys the confidence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

## OCTOBER

### OCTOBER 13, 2015

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a national decree to dissolve Parliament in accordance with article 59 of the Constitution. The 2nd Vice President further informed the Members that he had requested legal advice on the matter and made use of article 37 of the Rules of Order to close the meeting.

The meeting was requested by MP W.V. Marlin, S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP S.E. Jacobs, MP M.A. Lake and MP F.G. Richardson. (IS/112/2015-2016 dated October 7, 2015)

### **OCTOBER 28, 2015**

A Public meeting was held with the agenda point: The decision of the Council of Ministers to dissolve Parliament. This meeting was requested by MP G.C. Pantophlet, MP S.E. Jacobs and MP C.T. Emmanuel.

In this meeting two motions were adopted in which the ministers were called on collectively and individually to do the right thing and tender their resignations immediately. Furthermore specific instructions were given to the caretaker Government.

For this meeting the presence of the Prime Minister was requested as well as all relevant documentation pertaining to the agenda point, such as the decision of the Council of Ministers, the draft decree, the response(s) from the Governor, etc. The Prime Minister was unable to attend and neither was the requested documentation forwarded to Parliament.

## **NOVEMBER**

### **NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

Parliament adopted the following national ordinance on this day:

- ***Ontwerp van de Landsverordening houdende wijziging van de Landsverordening Algemene Ouderdomsverzekering en de Landsverordening Algemene Weduwen- en wezen verzekering in verband met de verhoging van het ouderdomspensioen en van de pensioensleeftijd (Landsverordening verhoging ouderdomspensioen en pensioensleeftijd) (ZJ 2013-2014-041) (IS/425/2013-2014 d.d. 14 maart 2014).***
- ***Draft National Ordinance amending the Ordinance on General Retirement Insurance and the National Ordinance General Widows and Orphans Insurance in connection with the raising of the retirement and pension age (National Ordinance raising of the retirement and pension age) (Parliamentary Year 2013-2014-041) (IS/425/2013-2014 dated March 14, 2014).***

On this same day the management of Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company N.V. gave a presentation of its 2014 financial statements in a Central Committee meeting (IS 225/2015-2016 dated November 4, 2015).

### **NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

St. Maarten Airways B. V. presented Parliament in a Central Committee meeting the Plans and Vision of the company. (IS/063/2015-2016 dated September 22, 2015).

### NOVEMBER 12, 2015

On Thursday, November 12, 2015 the advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament was approved as well as the advice regarding the installation and composition of the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino).

On this same day, the Committees appointed their Chair and Vice Chair persons.

### NOVEMBER 23, 2015

On this day the credentials of Hyacinth L. Richardson and drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel were examined and approved to be admitted as Members of Parliament.

### NOVEMBER 24-25, 2015

A delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten headed by the President of Parliament MP Sarah A. Wescot-Williams and further comprising MP Christophe T. Emmanuel, MP George C. Pantophlet, MP Johan E. Leonard, MP Silvio J. Matser and the Secretary General Nancy R. Guishard-Joubert travelled to Panama to attend Committee meetings,

the Board of Directors meeting (Junta Directiva) and the General Assembly of Parlatino. The General Assembly commenced with the customary raising of the Parlatino and Panama flag and the singing of the Parlatino song and the Panama national anthem. This was followed by the official opening of the Assembly, general announcements, panel discussion on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean in connection with globalization, panel discussion on the use of social media by parliaments, financial information and the approval of documents, resolutions, draft Framework Laws, declarations and the reform of the Rules of Order of Parlatino. The Sint Maarten delegation participated actively in the voting of the aforementioned documentation.



## DECEMBER

### DECEMBER 9, 2015

On this day in a closed door

Central Committee meeting a discussion was held with the Board of the General Audit Chamber on the report Audit of the Governance of Bureau Telecommunication & Post.

### DECEMBER 10, 2015

On this day a new advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament was approved as well as the advice regarding the installation and composition of the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino). A new composition of the committees' members was necessary in connection with the admittance of MP Hyacinth L. Richardson and MP drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel as Members of Parliament.

### DECEMBER 11, 2015

Public Meeting no. 12 was held with the Electoral Council on matters regarding the proposed February 9, 2016 elections. This meeting was requested by MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo, MP F.A. Meyers and MP T.E. Heyliger. (IS/330/2015-2016 dated December 2, 2015)

The following topics were mentioned during the meeting

amongst others: ambiguity whether or not elections will be held on February 9, 2016, deadline of December 15, 2015, content of advice of General Audit Chamber on financial statements of political parties, need for revamping of (electoral) laws, lack of synchronization between the Constitution and Electoral laws, accurate data on the voting population, insufficient place and space for polling stations, article 50 of the Constitution, the appointment of Ministers, the possibility of students in the Dutch Kingdom to vote, the need to create a separate voting registry system allowing Dutch Sint Maarteners living on the French side, the need to screen candidates on lists, the reason for existence of the Electoral Council, requirements for political parties, consequences for not adhering to these requirements, compliance of political parties in 2014 with all regulations, availability financial records of political parties, imposing of penalties, number of appeals to the administrative court, role of Electoral Council, disqualification of Members of Electoral Council.

## JANUARY

### JANUARY 4, 2016

On this date Sint Maarten's Parliament hosted the Tripartite meeting between Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten. During this meeting feedback was



given pertaining to the following topics: Energy, Study finances, Health Care, Energy, Youth, Discrimination, Constitutional Court, Screening of ministers and candidate ministers, Testament register, Small

Island Developing States (SIDS), Appeal in court cases pertaining to tax affairs, studying in Holland or in the Caribbean region, the list of agreements of 2015, roaming cost for mobile phones between the islands, Dispute regulation and agenda points for the IPKO in June, 2016.



### JANUARY 5-8, 2016

The Inter Parliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) meetings were held on Sint Maarten at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort and Casino from January 5-8, 2016. The delegations from Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the Netherlands participated in the IPKO. The agreements made have been documented in the so called "Afsprakenlijst" (Agreements List). The delegations paid work visits to the Princess Juliana International Airport and the Sea Water Reverse Osmosis Desalination Facility. Also presentations were given by the Civil Registry and the Public Prosecutors office.

On one of the most discussed topics, the so called Dispute regulation, the following. The delegations expressed their disappointment with the lack of progress on the matter. The governments of the



countries were requested once more to come with a dispute regulation as soon as possible as previously requested in the IPKO of March 2013 and May 2015 by mid May 2016 and to inform the Parliaments of such. If the governments are unable to come with a draft by mid-May then the further trajectory will come into place which can include the possibility of countries to come with an initiative draft Kingdom Law (through the Minister Plenipotentiary; article 15 paragraph 3 of the Kingdom Charter).

The delegations agreed that the following topics would be on the IPKO agenda of June 2016: economic opportunities within the Kingdom including SIDS, education including study

loan and studying in the region, youth, discrimination and equal treatment, climate change and Paris climate agreement, dispute regulation and the use of article 15 and 21 of the Regulation of the Governor etc.



### JANUARY 12, 2016

Parliament adopted the following national ordinance on this day:

- **Ontwerp van Landsverordening**

*tot wijziging van de Landsverordening op het beroep in belastingzaken 1940, de Landsverordening administratieve rechtspraak en aanverwante landsverordeningen (IS/051/2015-2016 d.d. 17 september 2015) (ZJ 2015-2016-080)*

- **Draft Ordinance amending the Ordinance of 1940 on Appeal in Tax Cases, the National Ordinance on Administrative Procedure and related ordinances (IS/051/2015-2016 dated September 17, 2015) (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-080)**

### JANUARY 26, 2016

Parliament adopted in its Public Meeting no. 15 the following law:

- **Ontwerp van de landsverordening houdende regels over de zorg voor de publieke gezondheid (IS/896/2014-2015 d.d. 2 juli 2015) (ZJ 2014-2015-074)**
- **Draft National Ordinance containing regulations pertaining to Public Health (IS/896/2014-2015)**

dated July 2, 2015) (Parliamentary Year 2014-2015-074)

### **JANUARY 27, 2016**

On this day Parliament adopted this national ordinance:

- **Ontwerp van de Landsverordening tot wijziging van de pensioenlandsverordening overheidsdienaren, de Landsverordening leeftijdsgrens ambtenaren en de wachtgeldregeling overheidsdienaren in verband met de verhoging van de pensioengerechtigde leeftijd (ZJ 2015-2016-081) (IS/166/2015-2016 d.d. 20 oktober 2015)**
- **Draft National Ordinance amending the Pension ordinance for civil servants, the age limit Ordinance for civil servants and the redundancy scheme for civil servants in connection with the raising of the retirement age (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-081) (IS/166/2015-2016 dated October 20, 2015)**

### **JANUARY 28, 2016**

In Central Committee meeting no. 17 a discussion was started on the draft national ordinance mentioned below. It was decided that this draft national ordinance should be referred to the Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs for further examination:

- **Ontwerp Landsverordening houdende vaststelling van regels inzake het Mediabeleid was discussed (Medialandsverordening) (Zittingsjaar 2014-2015-064) (Staten Nederlandse Antillen 3222) (IS/599/2014-2015 d.d. 2 april 2015)**

- **Draft Ordinance laying down rules on Media Policy (Media ordinance) (Parliamentary Year 2014-2015-064) (Parliament Netherlands Antilles 3222) (IS/599/2014-2015 dated April 2, 2015).**

### **FEBRUARY**

#### **FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

In Public Meeting no. 18, discussions were held with the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor on: The closure of food establishments, the hindrances concerning inspectors working independently, the granting of preferential treatment to some establishments and unfair treatment to other businesses (IS/475/2015-2016 dated February 8, 2016).

#### **FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

The contract of Mr. Van Dyke A. Bell came to an end on December 31, 2015. Therefore the position of 1st Acting Secretary General had become vacant as of January 1, 2016. In order to ensure the continuity within Parliament, the Presidium proposed for Mrs. Ann A. Groen-Gumbs who had been working since June 2014 at the secretariat of the Parliament of Sint Maarten, to be appointed as the 1st Acting Secretary General.

This proposal was also discussed in the Faction leaders meeting of January 14, 2016. This proposal was discussed in the Central Committee on January 26, 2016 and February 23, 2016. The Parliament of Sint Maarten approved the appointment of Mrs. A.



A. Groen-Gumbs, LL.M on this date effective March 15, 2016.

**MARCH**

**MARCH 7, 2016**

In this Central Committee Meeting it was decided that a report will be drafted pertaining to the discussion on the Draft Election Ordinance amending legislation to correspond with



the Constitutional requirement of the proportional representation in article 47 section 1 of the Constitution as presented by Mr. Julio Romney and send to the Public meeting for further handling prior to being sent to the Government.

**MARCH 7, 2016**

Parliament adopted the following national ordinance on this day:

- **Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot**

**vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint-Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2016 (Landsverordening begroting 2016) (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-086) (IS/451/2015-2016 d.d. 1 februari 2016).**

- **National Ordinance stipulating the Budget of the Country for the year 2016 (National Ordinance Budget 2016) (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-086) (IS/451/2015-2016 dated February 1, 2016).**

**APRIL**

**APRIL 19, 2016**

In a procedural meeting (closed door) a discussion was held concerning the guidelines to be followed in deciding on a location, requirements and general conditions for the construction of a New Parliament building for Sint Maarten.

**APRIL 21, 2016**

On this day Foresee Foundation gave a presentation to the Members of the Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and



Sports Affairs on the ongoing projects pertaining to Technology in Education.

**APRIL 22, 2016**

A delegation of members of the First Chamber headed by Mr. R.R. Ganzevoort and support staff paid a visit to Sint Maarten on this day as a part of their Caribbean tour.



A Faction leaders meeting was held with the delegation. The delegation posed questions to the Faction leaders amongst others pertaining to the progress of Sint Maarten since the island became Country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands on October 10, 2010.

**APRIL 22, 2016**

In a meeting of the Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication a discussion was held with AVA Airways concerning the business plan, the Sint Maarten Aviation

open Sky policy, the private public partnership proposal with Winair, the intension with the FAA IASA cat 2 aviation rating and to bring to the attention of Parliament the circumvention, slanderous statement, discrimination and protecting of a monopoly in Air transport within the Dutch Caribbean by the Government of Curaçao (IS/401/2015-2016 dated January 6, 2016).

### **APRIL 25, 2016**

In a closed door meeting of the Committee of Finance, the General Audit Chamber of Sint Maarten presented their Draft Budget 2017 to Parliament (IS/638/2015-2016 dated April 7, 2016).

## **MAY**

### **MAY 4, 2016**

On this day the Finance Minister informed Parliament pertaining to the short, medium and long term financial outlook of St. Maarten. This was held on the request of MP F.G. Richardson, MP G.C. Pantophlet and MP S.A. Wescot-Williams. (IS/677/2015-2016 dated April 19, 2016)

### **MAY 13, 2016**

During the last IPKO that took place on Sint Maarten in January, the three Caribbean countries of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten submitted a joint Draft Kingdom Law to regulate a Dispute regulation. On Friday, April 29, 2016 a meeting took place on Aruba between representatives of these three countries. Sint Maarten was represented by the President of Parliament, the Secretary General of Parliament and the Advisor to the CKAIR.

The purpose of this meeting was to finalize the Draft Kingdom Law along with the Elucidation in order for it to be presented to the Governments of the 3 countries prior to the IPKO. This meeting was successful and a draft with its elucidation was ready to be presented to the respective Governments.

In an urgent Central committee meeting a discussion was held on this Joint Draft Kingdom Law Dispute Regulation (Geschillenregeling) from Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. The draft was sent to the Government for further handling after the approval of the Central Committee.

### **MAY 17, 2016**

On this date the Freedom Fighters Foundation gave a presentation on the topic of legalization of cannabis to the Committee of Justice from a historical, medical and financial standpoint of view.



### **MAY 18, 2016**

On this day in Central Committee meeting no. 23 a discussion was held with Independence for St. Martin Foundation concerning the following topics:

1. Holding a referendum on independence
2. Getting the territory of St. Maarten on the United Nation's Decolonization list

### **MAY 18, 2016**

The advice regarding the installation and composition of a Committee of General Affairs was approved.

All the Permanent Committees of the Parliament of Sint Maarten are linked to the ministries of Government. This means that the policies of the various ministries can be addressed in the Committees. However, up to this date no Committee was specifically assigned to deal with the policies and departments that fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of General Affairs such as Foreign Relations, Legal Affairs and Legislation, Civil Registry. In the past this was solved by inviting the Minister of General Affairs to other committees or to the Central Committee to provide information. This gap has now been filled with the establishment of a Permanent Committee of General Affairs.

### **MAY 23, 2016**

On this date a discussion was ongoing in Parliament with the Minister of Justice on "what constitutes vote buying" and what the Ministry's policy is on this phenomenon. This meeting was requested by MP F.A. Meyers, MP T.E. Heyliger, MP T.E. Leonard, MP L.J. Richardson, MD, MP J.E. Leonard, MP V.H.C. de Weever and MP L.M. Marlin- Romeo. (IS/709/2015-2016 dated May 4, 2016)

### **MAY 23, 2016**

In a closed door meeting of the Committee of

Finance, the Ombudsman of Sint Maarten presented their Draft Budget 2017 to Parliament (IS/737/2015-2016 dated May 13, 2016).

### **May 30-June 3, 2016**

#### **Tripartite and IPKO**

From May 31-June 3, 2016 delegations from the Parliaments of the Netherlands, Curaçao, Aruba and Sint Maarten met in The Hague, Netherlands for the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultations (IPKO).

The four parliamentary delegations discussed a number of issues that include education especially where DUO is concerned and repayment by former students, innovative and sustainable energy projects, climate change and the Paris agreement,



health care specifically further specialization of hospitals in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom, youth affairs, economic opportunities such as the possible introduction of a fast ferry between the Windward Islands and discrimination within the Kingdom.

The dispute regulation and the draft initiative Kingdom law to amend articles 14 and 38 of the Kingdom Charter of Second Chamber Member Van Laar were also on the agenda to be discussed. The joint draft Kingdom Law for a Dispute Regulation as submitted by Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten back in January was at the center stage of the discussion. The program included several work visits as well.

The delegation of Sint Maarten prepared for months for its participation in these meetings. The Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations met on numerous occasions to discuss the several topics and to establish the position of the Sint Maarten delegation on the several topics.



The Interparliamentary consultations concluded on Friday June 3, 2016 with the adoption and signing of the Agreement List and a joint press conference of the four delegations.

Prior to the start of the Interparliamentary consultations, on May 30, 2016, the delegation of Sint Maarten participated in the Tripartite meeting along with delegations from sister islands of Curaçao and Aruba. Among the topics to be discussed are travel with ID cards between the islands, decentralization of testament/will registration, a possible joint Constitutional Court, the possibility of getting Sint Maarten back on the UN Decolonization List as well as several IPKO topics.

The goal of the meeting was to prepare for the Interparliamentary consultation as well as discuss topics of mutual interest.

The Sint Maarten delegation partaking in the IPKO and Tripartite meetings consisted of the following members:

MP Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, President of Parliament, Delegation leader;  
MP George C. Pantophlet, Chairman Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations;  
MP Frans G. Richardson;  
MP Maurice A. Lake;  
MP Leona M. Marlin-Romeo;

MP Van Hugh C. de Weever;  
MP Franklin A. Meyers;  
Mrs. Nancy R. Guishard-Joubert,  
LL.M., Secretary General;  
Mr. mr Ralph R.H. Richardson,  
advisor.

## JUNE

### JUNE 9, 2016

On this date the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs informed Parliament on:  
The School Bus policy (IS/736/2015-2016 dated May 13, 2016). This meeting was adjourned and has not been reconvened as yet.

### JUNE 21, 2016

On this date a meeting was held regarding the current financial position of the Country (IS/777/2015-2016 dated May 23, 2016). This meeting was adjourned and has not been reconvened as yet.

### JUNE 22, 2016

On this date a deliberation was held with the minister of Justice on the Ministry of Justice and its relationship within the Kingdom (IS/776/2015-2016 dated May 23, 2016). This agenda point was

requested by MP F.A. Meyers, MP T.E. Heyliger, MP T.E. Leonard, MP L.J. Richardson, MD, MP J.E. Leonard, MP V.H.C. de Weever and MP L.M. Marlin- Romeo). This meeting was adjourned and has not been reconvened as yet.

### JUNE 23, 2016

In a closed door meeting of the Committee of Finance, the Council of Advice of Sint Maarten presented their Draft Budget 2017 to Parliament (IS/790/2015-2016 dated May 25, 2016).



### JUNE 23, 2016

On this date in Public meeting no. 23 the report on exchange of views with Mr. J. Romney on the Election Ordinance was approved unanimously. Additionally the advice regarding the installation and composition of a Committee

of General Affairs was approved.  
**JUNE 30, 2016**

With the appointment of Mrs. Ann Groen-Gumbs to the position of 1st Acting Secretary General as of March 15, 2016, the position of 2nd Acting Secretary General became vacant. Seeing the current needs of the Parliament and the desire to intensify its legislative activities it was decided to offer the candidate to be appointed in the position of 2nd Acting Secretary General a two year training program at the Academie voor Wetgeving in the Hague, the Netherlands to become a legislative lawyer. This means that the candidate will be employed for the first two years at the ministry of Safety and Justice in the Netherlands before taking up his position in Sint Maarten.

On this date Parliament approved the advice concerning appointment a 2nd Acting Secretary General in which Mr. Garrick J. Richardson was proposed.



PARLIAMENTARY  
**MEETINGS OF THE YEAR**



## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
POV 1	September 8, 2015	Solemn Public Meeting	Opening of Parliamentary Year 2015-2016 by the Chairperson of the Parliament of Sint Maarten with a speech by His Excellency the Governor of Sint Maarten
OV 1* ****	September 9, 2015	Urgent Public Meeting	<p>The dumpsite (landfill) in Philipsburg and the plans for a waste to energy system for the Country's garbage problems</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP W.V. Marlin and MP S.E. Jacobs, IS/1053/2014-2015 dated September 1, 2015)</p>
OV 2	September 17, 2015	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incoming documents</li> <li>Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot wijziging van enige landsverordeningen in verband met de invoering van de dag van de Staatsregeling, dan wel Constitution Day, als feestdag (ZJ 2014-2015-77) (IS/1011/2014-2015 d.d. 14 augustus 2015)</li> <li>Resolutions Tripartite May 2015</li> </ol>
OV 3****	September 14, 2015	Urgent Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending and Urgent Challenges being experienced by students and staff of the National Institute for Professional Advancement (NIPA)</li> <li>A status update and the action plan of government as pertains to students who have been placed (or not placed) in Secondary Public schools and have to date not started school as yet</li> <li>Students in the Netherlands and other countries abroad who have complained that they have not yet received their Study Financing funds</li> <li>Status of the Study Financing ordinance</li> </ol> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP S.E. Jacobs, MP W.V. Marlin and MP G.C. Pantophlet IS/015/2015-2016 dated September 10, 2015)</p>

OV 4	September 21, 2015	Urgent Public Meeting	<p>The Settlement between the Harbor Group of Companies and the ZEBEC Company</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP W.V. Marlin and MP S.E. Jacobs, IS/014/2015-2016 dated September 10, 2015)</p>
OV 5	September 30, 2015	Urgent Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remarks made by the Attorney-general Mr. Guus Schram on the occasion of the installation of members of the joint Court on September 11, 2015</li> <li>2. Recent developments taking place in government owned companies in general and in particular at SXM Airport</li> </ol> <p>(This meeting (agenda point 1) was requested by MP W.V. Marlin, MP S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP S.E. Jacobs and MP C.T. Emmanuel IS/052/2015-2016 dated September 17, 2015)</p> <p>(Agenda point 2 was requested by MP W.V. Marlin, MP S.A. Wescot-Williams and MP C.T. Emmanuel)</p>
OV 6**	October 26, 2015	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incoming documents</li> <li>2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament</li> <li>3. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)</li> </ol>
OV 7***	October 13, 2015	Public Meeting	<p>Appointment of the President and Vice Presidents of Parliament</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP W.V. Marlin, MP S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP S.E. Jacobs, MP M.A. Lake and MP F.G. Richardson IS/112/15-16 dated October 7, 2015)</p>





OV 8*	October 28, 2015	Public Meeting	Ontwerp van de Landsverordening houdende wijziging van de Landsverordening Algemene Ouderdomsverzekering en de Landsverordening Algemene Weduwen- en wezen verzekering in verband met de verhoging van het ouderdomspensioen en van de pensioensleeftijd (Landsverordening verhoging ouderdomspensioen en pensioenleeftijd) (ZJ 2013-2014-041) (IS/425/2013-2014 d.d. 14 maart 2014)
OV 9	October 28, 2015	Urgent Public Meeting	The decision of the Council of Ministers to dissolve Parliament  (This meeting was requested by MP G.C. Pantophlet, MP S.E. Jacobs and C.T. Emmanuel, IS/170/2015-2016 dated October 20, 2015)
OV 10	November 23, 2015	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incoming documents</li> <li>2. Examination of credentials and admission of Members of Parliament</li> </ol>
OV 11	December 10, 2015	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incoming documents</li> <li>2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament</li> <li>3. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)</li> </ol>
OV 12	December 11, 2015	Public meeting	Discussion with the Electoral Council on matters regarding the February 9th, 2015 elections (IS/330/2015-2016 dated December 2, 2015)  (This meeting was requested by MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo, MP F.A. Meyers and MP T.E. Heyliger)
OV 13	January 13, 2016	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incoming documents</li> <li>2. Ontwerp van de landsverordening houdende regels over de zorg voor de publieke gezondheid (IS/896/2014-2015 d.d. 2 juli 2015) (ZJ 2014-2015-074)</li> </ol>

OV 14	January 12, 2016	Public Meeting	Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening op het beroep in belastingzaken 1940, de Landsverordening administratieve rechtspraak en aanverwante landsverordeningen (IS/051/2015-2016 d.d. 17 september 2015) (ZJ 2015-2016-080)
OV 15	January 27, 2016	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ontwerp van de Landsverordening tot wijziging van de pensioenlandsverordening overheidsdienaren, de Landsverordening leeftijdsgrens ambtenaren en de wachtgeldregeling overheidsdienaren in verband met de verhoging van de pensioengerechtigde leeftijd (ZJ 2015-2016-081) (IS/166/2015-2016 d.d. 20 oktober 2015)</li> <li>2. Ratification Agreement Lists IPKO and Tripartite January 2016 (IS/403/2015-2016 dated January 8, 2016 and IS/404/2015-2016 dated January 8, 2016)</li> <li>3. Discussion on the four resolutions adopted by the Tripartite meeting of January 4, 2016 (IS/403/2015-2016 dated January 8, 2016)</li> </ol>
OV 16*	February 12, 2016	Public Meeting	Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2016 (Landsverordening begroting 2016) (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-086) (IS/451/2015-2016 d.d. 1 februari 2016)
OV 17*	February 25, 2016	Urgent Public Meeting	<p>Discussion on the management, financial dilemma, court cases, lack of payments to the staff of NIPA and the status of NIPA (IS/456/2015-2016 dated February 3, 2016 and IS/476/2015-2016 dated February 8, 2016)</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo, MP T.E. Leonard and MP V.H.C. de Weever)</p>



OV 18	February 24, 2016	Urgent Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion on the issue of the closure of food establishments; for the hindrance of inspectors to work independently, while granting preferential treatments to some establishments and unfair treatment to other businesses (IS/475/2015-2016 dated February 8, 2016)  (This agenda point was requested by MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo, MP V.H.C. de Weever and MP F.A. Meyers)</li> <li>2. Advice concerning appointment of 1<sup>st</sup> Acting Secretary General of Parliament</li> </ol>
OV 19	February 26, 2016	Urgent Public Meeting	<p>Discussion on the sale of the new government administration building (IS/533/2015-2016 dated February 19, 2016)</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP F.A. Meyers, MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo and MP V.H.C. de Weever)</p>
OV 20	March 22, 2016	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incoming documents</li> <li>2. Discussion with the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Telecommunication and Transport regarding the issue of protecting consumers living and visiting Sint Maarten (IS/331/2015-2016 dated December 2, 2015)</li> </ol> <p>(Agenda point 2 was requested by MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo, MP F.A. Meyers and MP T.E. Heyliger)</p>
OV 21	April 25, 2016	Urgent Public Meeting	<p>Short, medium and long term financial outlook of St. Maarten (IS/677/2015-2016 dated April 19, 2016)</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP F.G. Richardson, MP G.C. Pantophlet and MP S.A. Wescot-Williams)</p>
OV 22*	May 16, 2016	Public Meeting	<p>The Ministry of Justice policy with regards to vote buying (IS/709/2015-2016 date May 4, 2016)</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP F.A. Meyers, MP T.E. Heyliger, MP T.E. Leonard, MP L.J. Richardson, MD, MP J.E. Leonard, MP V.H.C. de Weever and MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo)</p>

OV 23****	May 19, 2016	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incoming documents</li> <li>2. Approval report on exchange of views with Mr. J. Romney on the Election Ordinance</li> <li>3. Advice regarding the installation and composition of a Committee of General Affairs</li> <li>4. Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening ruimtelijke ontwikkelingssplan in verband met het herinvoeren van artikel 28a (ZJ 2015-2016-084) (IS/422/2015-2016 d.d. 14 januari 2016)</li> </ol>
OV 24****	June 9, 2016	Public Meeting	<p>The School Bus policy (IS/736/2015-2016 dated May 13, 2016)</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP F.A. Meyers, MP T.E. Heyliger, MP T.E. Leonard, MP L.J. Richardson, MD, MP J.E. Leonard, MP V.H.C. de Weever and MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo)</p>
OV 25****	June 22, 2016	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deliberation on the Ministry of Justice and it's relationship within the Kingdom (IS/776/2015-2016 dated May 23, 2016)</li> </ol> <p>(This agenda point was requested by MP F.A. Meyers, MP T.E. Heyliger, MP T.E. Leonard, MP L.J. Richardson, MD, MP J.E. Leonard, MP V.H.C. de Weever and MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Ratification Agreement Lists IPKO and Tripartite May-June 2016 (IS/816/2015-2016 dated June 3, 2016 and IS/824/2015-2016 dated June 6, 2016)</li> </ol>
OV 26****	June 21, 2016	Public Meeting	<p>The current financial position of the Country (IS/777/2015-2016 dated May 23, 2016)</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP F.A. Meyers, MP T.E. Heyliger, MP T.E. Leonard, MP L.J. Richardson, MD, MP J.E. Leonard, MP V.H.C. de Weever and MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo)</p>
OV 27	June 30, 2016	Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incoming documents</li> <li>2. Advice concerning appointment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Acting Secretary General of Parliament</li> </ol>



\*This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

\*\*This meeting could not continue on the date for which it was originally called due to a lack of quorum and continued on several other dates.

\*\*\*This meeting was opened and closed after the 2nd Vice President informed the Members of Parliament that the Prime Minister has submitted a national decree to dissolve Parliament in accordance with article 59 of the Constitution to the Governor. Additionally the 2nd Vice President informed the Members that he has requested legal advice on the matter.

\*\*\*\*This meeting was adjourned and hasn't been reconvened as yet.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CC 01	September 15, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation by the Ombudsman on the Year report 2014 (IS/942/2014-2015 dated July 21, 2015)</li> <li>2. Vaststelling verslag Voorstel rijkswet tot aanpassing van Rijkswetten in verband met de invoering van de Wet tot wijziging van het Wetboek van Burgerlijke Rechtsvordering en de Algemene wet bestuursrecht in verband met vereenvoudiging en digitalisering van het procesrecht en van de Wet tot wijziging van het Wetboek van Burgerlijke Rechtsvordering in verband met vereenvoudiging en digitalisering van het procesrecht in hoger beroep en cassatie alsmede in verband met de uitbreiding van prejudiciële vragen aan de Hoge Raad (Invoeringsrijkswet vereenvoudiging en digitalisering procesrecht en uitbreiding prejudiciële vragen) (34237/R2054) (IS/1077/2014-2015 dated September 7, 2015)</li> <li>3. Uitnodiging voor een Bijzondere Verenigde Vergadering gericht aan de Voorzitter en Griffier van de Staten van Sint Maarten voor de viering van de "200 jaar Eerste en Tweede Kamer" in de Ridderzaal op 16 oktober 2015 (IS/1072/2014-2015 dated September 7, 2015) (IS/1072/2014-2015 dated September 7, 2015)</li> <li>4. Invitation for InterExpo Congress &amp; Matchmaking on September 22-25, 2015 in Amsterdam (IS/949/2014-2015 dated July 23, 2015)</li> </ol>

CC 02	September 15, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	Ontwerp van landsverordening tot wijziging van enige landsverordeningen in verband met de invoering van de dag van de Staatsregeling, dan wel Constitution Day, als feestdag (ZJ 2014-2015-77) (IS/1011/2014-2015 d.d. 14 augustus 2015)
CC 03***	September 17, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vaststelling verslag Voorstel van rijkswet houdende regeling voor Nederland en Sint Maarten tot het vermijden van dubbele belasting en het voorkomen van het ontgaan van belasting met betrekking tot belastingen naar het inkomen en een woonplaatsfictie ter zake van erf- en schenkbelasting (Belastingregeling Nederland Sint Maarten) (34263/R2055) (IS/1061/2014-2015 dated September 2, 2015 and IS/067/2015-2016 dated September 22, 2015)</li> <li>2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament</li> <li>3. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)</li> </ol>
CC 04	October 5, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Voorstel van rijkswet houdende regeling voor Nederland en Sint Maarten tot het vermijden van dubbele belasting en het voorkomen van het ontgaan van belasting met betrekking tot belastingen naar het inkomen en een woonplaatsfictie ter zake van erf- en schenkbelasting (Belastingregeling Nederland Sint Maarten) (IS/1061/2014-2015 dated September 2, 2015)</li> </ol>
CC 05*	October 27, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	Vaststelling verslag Voorstel van rijkswet houdende regeling voor Nederland en Sint Maarten tot het vermijden van dubbele belasting en het voorkomen van het ontgaan van belasting met betrekking tot belastingen naar het inkomen en een woonplaatsfictie ter zake van erf- en schenkbelasting (Belastingregeling Nederland Sint Maarten) (34263/R2055) (IS/1061/2014-2015 dated September 2, 2015)



CC 06**	October 29, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	Ontwerp van de Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening op het beroep in belastingzaken 1940, de Landsverordening administratieve rechtspraak en aanverwante landsverordeningen (ZJ 2015-2016-078) (IS/051/2015-2016 d.d. 17 september 2015)
CC 07	November 10, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	Presentation by St. Maarten Airways B.V. on its plans and vision (IS/063/2015-2016 dated September 22, 2015)
CC 08	November 9, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	Presentation by Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company N.V. of its 2014 financial statements (IS 225/2015-2016 dated November 4, 2015)
CC 09	November 10, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Composition delegation to General Assembly of Parlatino on November 27-28, 2015 (IS/181/2015-2016 dated October 21, 2015)</li> <li>2. Composition delegation to Tripartite in Aruba on November 19-20, 2015 (IS/217/2015-2016 dated November 3, 2015)</li> <li>3. Ontwerp van de Landsverordening tot wijziging van de pensioenlandsverordening overheidsdienaren, de Landsverordening leeftijdsgrens ambtenaren en de wachtgeldregeling overheidsdienaren in verband met de verhoging van de pensioengerechtigde leeftijd (ZJ 2015-2016-081) (IS/166/2015-2016 d.d. 20 oktober 2015)</li> </ol>
CC 10**	November 13, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	<p>The St. Maarten Medical Center and the status of its upgrades and the financing thereof (IS/220/2015-2016 dated November 3, 2015)</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP W.V. Marlin, MP G.C. Pantophlet and MP S.E. Jacobs)</p>
CC 11	November 13, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	Discussion on the Vorst-land agreement with the Government of Sint Maarten

CC 12	November 23, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion with Mr. Julio Romney on the Draft Election Ordinance amending legislation to correspond with the Constitutional requirement of the proportional representation in article 47 section 1 of the Constitution (IS/241/2015-2016 dated November 9, 2015)</li> <li>2. Approval composition delegation to Saba day on December 4, 2015 (IS/242/2015-2016 dated November 10, 2015)</li> <li>3. Discussion on inquiry from Second Chamber if the Parliament of Sint Maarten intends to send special delegates to the Second Chamber for the handling of a number of Kingdom Laws (IS/278/ 2015-2016 dated November 16, 2015)</li> </ol>
CC 13	December 9, 2015	Central Committee Meeting (closed door)	Discussion with the Board of the General Audit Chamber on the report Audit of the Governance of Bureau Telecommunication & Post (IS/112/2015-2016 dated October 5, 2015)
CC 14	December 10, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament</li> <li>2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)</li> </ol>
CC 15	December 10, 2015	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Motorrijtuigbelastingverordening in verband met de verhoging van de motorrijtuigbelasting teneinde de overheidsfinanciën structureel te verbeteren (ZJ 2015-2016-082) (IS/316/2015-2016 d.d. 25 november 2015)</li> <li>2. Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening op het beroep in belastingzaken 1940, de Landsverordening administratieve rechtspraak en aanverwante landsverordeningen (ZJ 2015-2016-080) (IS/051/2015-2016 d.d. 17 september 2015)</li> </ol>





CC 16	January 26, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advice concerning appointment of 1<sup>st</sup> Acting Secretary General of Parliament</li> <li>2. Approval composition delegation and provisions for the extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Education, Culture, Science, Technology, and Communication of Parlatino and the Forum "Proposals from Latin America and the Caribbean for the implementation of the ODS: Education and innovation, bases of inclusion for social transformation" on March 7-8, 2016 (IS/529/2015-2016 dated February 18, 2016)</li> </ol>
CC 17	Januari 28, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	Ontwerp Landsverordening houdende vaststelling van regels inzake het Mediabeleid (Medialandsverordening) (Zittingsjaar 2014-2015-064) (Staten Nederlandse Antillen 3222) (IS/599/2014-2015 d.d. 2 april 2015)
CC 18***	January 29, 2015	Central Committee Meeting (urgent)	<p>Status of insurance coverage for police officers and their families and other related and affected issues (IS/437/2015-2016 dated January 21, 2016)</p> <p>(This meeting was requested by MP T.E. Leonard, MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo and MP F.A. Meyers)</p>
CC 19	February 8, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2016 (Landsverordening begroting 2016) (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-086) (IS/451/2015-2016 d.d. 1 februari 2016)
CC 20***	February 29, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening ruimtelijke ontwikkeling-splan in verband met het herinvoeren van artikel 28a (ZJ 2015-2016-084) (IS/422/2015-2016 d.d. 14 januari 2016)

CC 21*	April 28, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vaststelling verslag Voorstel van rijkswet tot wijziging van de Rijkswet op het Nederlandschap in verband met het intrekken van het Nederlandschap in het belang van de nationale veiligheid, met toebehoren (34356/R2064) (IS/392/2015-2016 dated December 28, 2015)</li> <li>2. Vaststelling verslag Voorstel van rijkswet tot wijziging van de Paspoortwet in verband met het van rechtswege laten vervallen van reisdocumenten van personen aan wie een uitreisverbod is opgelegd (34358/R2065)(IS/393/2015-2016 dated December 28, 2015)</li> </ol>
CC 22	May 13, 2016	Central Committee Meeting (urgent)	Discussion on the joint draft Kingdom Law Dispute Regulation (Geschillenregeling) from Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten (IS/725/2015-2016 dated May 11, 2016 and IS/727/2015-2016 dated May 12, 2016)
CC 23****	May 18, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion with the Independence for St. Martin Foundation concerning the following topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Holding a referendum on independence</li> <li>2. Getting the territory of St. Maarten on the United Nation's Decolonization list (IS/602/2015-2016 date March 21, 2016)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of a Committee of General Affairs</li> <li>3. Approval composition delegation and provisions for special delegates of the Parliament of Sint Maarten to participate in the handling in the Second Chamber of several Kingdom Laws in the week of June 6-10, 2016 (IS/711/2015-2016 dated May 9, 2016)</li> </ol>
CC 24	June 10, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	Ontwerp van Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening identiteitskaarten in verband met de invoering van een identiteitskaart voor geprivilegieerden (ZJ 2015-2016-087) (IS/577/2015-2016 d.d. 9 maart 2016)
CC 25*	June 23, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion on the final joint draft Kingdom Law Dispute Regulation (Geschillenregeling) from Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten (IS/818/2015-2016 dated June 6, 2016)</li> <li>2. Approval composition delegation and provisions to attend celebration Curaçao flag day on July 2, 2016 (IS/870/2015-2016 dated June 20, 2016)</li> </ol>
CC 26	June 29, 2016	Central Committee Meeting	Advice concerning appointment of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Acting Secretary General of Parliament



\*This meeting could not continue on the date for which it was originally called due to a lack of quorum (and continued on another date(s)).

\*\* This meeting was postponed until further notice and therefore never took place.

\*\*\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

\*\*\*\*This meeting was adjourned but has not been reconvened as yet.

## COMMITTEE OF KINGDOM AFFAIRS AND INTERPARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CKAIR 01	September 18, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval Decision List Parliamentary Year 2014-2015, no. 15</li> <li>2. Incoming documents CKAIR</li> <li>3. Voorstel van rijkswet houdende regeling voor Nederland en Sint Maarten tot het vermijden van dubbele belasting en het voorkomen van het ontgaan van belasting met betrekking tot belastingen naar het inkomen en een woonplaatsfictie ter zake van erf- en schenkbelasting (Belastingregeling Nederland Sint Maarten) (IS/1061/2014-2015 dated September 2, 2015)</li> <li>4. Proposals for agenda points for IPKO 2016</li> <li>5. Follow up IPKO and Tripartite May 2015</li> </ol>
CKAIR 02*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
CKAIR 03	November 12, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval Decision List Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 1</li> <li>2. Incoming documents CKAIR</li> <li>3. Proposals for agenda points for IPKO 2016</li> <li>4. Preparation IPKO and Tripartite January 2016</li> </ol>
CKAIR 04	December 1, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval Decision lists CKAIR Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 2 and 3</li> <li>2. Draft joint letter of Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten to Chairlady of the Second Chamber concerning the scheduling of several Kingdom Laws in the week of December 8, 2015</li> <li>3. Preparation IPKO January 5-8, 2016 (video conference IPKO, workgroups, work visits, practical matters)</li> </ol>

CKAIR 05	December 10, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman of the committee
CKAIR 06	December 9, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval Decision list CKAIR Parliamentary year 2015-2016 no. 4</li> <li>2. Discussion with the relevant Ministers on several agenda points in preparation of the IPKO to be held from January 5-8, 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SIDS</li> <li>- Nationality issues due to administrative errors</li> <li>- Motion adapted by Parliament concerning travelling with ID/Sedula/Cedula between the Caribbean islands of the Kingdom</li> <li>- Motion adopted by Parliament concerning "Wetgevingsacademie"</li> <li>- State of affairs DUO</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
CKAIR 07*	January 12, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	Debriefing IPKO and Tripartite from January 4-8, 2016



CKAIR 08**	January 26, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval Decision lists CKAIR Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 5, 6 and 7</li> <li>2. Incoming documents</li> <li>3. Voorstel van Rijkswet tot wijziging van de Rijkswet op het Nederlandschap in verband met het intrekken van het Nederlandschap in het belang van de nationale veiligheid, met toebehoren (IS/392/2015-2016 d.d. 28 december 2015)</li> <li>4. Voorstel van Rijkswet tot wijziging van de Paspoortwet in verband met het van rechtswege laten vervallen van reisdocumenten van personen aan wie een uitreisverbod is opgelegd (IS/393/2015-2016 d.d. 28 december 2015)</li> <li>5. Voorstel rijkswet houdende goedkeuring van het op 29 september 2015 te 's-Gravenhage tot stand gekomen Aanvullend Verdrag bij het op 16 december 2014 te Willemstad tot stand gekomen verdrag tussen het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden, tbv Curaçao, en de Verenigde Staten van Amerika tot verbetering van de internationale naleving van de belastingplicht en de tenuitvoerlegging van de FATCA (Trb. 2015, 171 en 182), met toebehoren (IS/397/2015-2016 d.d. 31 december 2015)</li> <li>6. Voorstel rijkswet houdende goedkeuring van het op 16 december 2014 te Willemstad tot stand gekomen verdrag tussen het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden, tbv Curaçao, en de Verenigde Staten van Amerika tot verbetering van de internationale naleving van de belastingplicht en de tenuitvoerlegging van de FATCA (Trb. 2015, 11 en 144), met toebehoren (IS/398/2015-2016 d.d. 31 december 2015)</li> <li>7. Request if the Parliament of Sint Maarten intends to send special delegates to the Second Chamber for the handling of two Kingdom Laws (IS/463/2015-2016 dated January 2016)</li> <li>8. Preparation next IPKO May 31-June 3, 2016</li> </ol>
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CKAIR 09	March 23, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="911 213 1430 256">1. Approval Decision list CKAIR Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 8</li> <li data-bbox="911 284 1430 751">2. Voorstel rijkswet houdende goedkeuring van het op 29 september 2015 te 's-Gravenhage tot stand gekomen Aanvullend Verdrag bij het op 16 december 2014 te Willemstad tot stand gekomen verdrag tussen het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden, t.b.v. Curaçao, en de Verenigde Staten van Amerika tot verbetering van de internationale naleving van de belastingplicht en de tenuitvoerlegging van de FATCA (Trb. 2015, 171 en 182), met toebehoren (IS/397/2015-2016 d.d. 31 december 2015) Draft Kingdom Law approving the Supplementary Convention to the treaty that was established in Willemstad between the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on behalf of Curaçao, and the United States to improve international tax compliance and implementing FATCA that was agreed upon on September 29, 2015 (Trb. 2015, 171 and 182), (IS/397/2015-2016 dated December 31, 2015).</li> <li data-bbox="911 778 1430 1166">3. Voorstel rijkswet houdende goedkeuring van het op 16 december 2014 te Willemstad tot stand gekomen verdrag tussen het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden, tbv Curaçao, en de Verenigde Staten van Amerika tot verbetering van de internationale naleving van de belastingplicht en de tenuitvoerlegging van de FATCA (Trb. 2015, 11 en 144), met toebehoren (IS/398/2015-2016 d.d. 31 december 2015) Draft Kingdom Law approving the Treaty of December 16, 2014 in Willemstad between the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on behalf of Curaçao, and the United States to improve international tax compliance and implementing FATCA that was agreed upon on September 29, 2015 (Trb. 2015, 171 and 182), (IS/398/2015-2016 dated December 31, 2015).</li> <li data-bbox="911 1193 1430 1334">4. Voorstel voorontwerp van Rijkswet houdende de toekenning van de bevoegdheid tot geschillenbeslechting in het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden aan de Hoge Raad der Nederlanden van de Landen Aruba, Curaçao en Sint Maarten (IS/603/2015-2016 d.d. 21 maart 2016)</li> </ol>
CKAIR 10	April 4, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting (closed door)	Procedurevergadering: Discussion on further procedural steps to be taken in preparation of the IPKO to be held in The Hague, Netherlands from May 31- June 3, 2016



CKAIR 11*	April 20 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval Decision lists CKAIR Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 9 and 10</li> <li>2. Incoming documents</li> <li>3. Voorstel van Rijkswet tot wijziging van de Rijkswet op het Nederlanderschap in verband met het intrekken van het Nederlanderschap in het belang van de nationale veiligheid, met toebehoren (IS/392/2015-2016 d.d. 28 december 2015)</li> <li>4. Voorstel van Rijkswet tot wijziging van de Paspoortwet in verband met het van rechtswege laten vervallen van reisdocumenten van personen aan wie een uitreisverbod is opgelegd (IS/393/2015-2016 d.d. 28 december 2015)</li> <li>5. Preparation IPKO and Tripartite June 2016</li> </ol>
CKAIR 12	April 11, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 10.00 – 10.30 hrs: Discussion on embassies and the securing of the interests of Sint Maarten, dispute regulation, discrimination, possibility of travel with ID between Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, SIDS and the formalization of ministerial cooperation (Ministeriële Samenwerking) with the Minister of General Affairs;</li> <li>2. 10.30 – 11.00 hrs.: Discussion on success rate of Sint Maarten students in the Netherlands, the actual implementation of the action plan on the rights of the child and update on DUO with the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs;</li> <li>3. 11.00 – 11.30 hrs.: Discussion on flight connections between Sint Maarten, Saba and Statia, landing rights on Sint Maarten, fast ferry connection between Sint Maarten, Saba and Statia and reducing roaming costs between the Caribbean islands of the Kingdom with the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication;</li> <li>4. 11.30 – 12.00 hrs.: Discussion on health care and discrimination with the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor;</li> <li>5. 12.00- 12.30 hrs.: Discussion on climate change, global warming, the Paris Climate Agreement and its consequences for Sint Maarten in relation to SIDS and innovative and sustainable energy with the Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure;</li> <li>6. 12.30- 13.00 hrs.: Discussion on will registration (testamentenregister) with the Minister of Finance</li> </ol>

CKAIR 13**	May 17, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval Decision list CKAIR Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 11 and 12</li> <li>2. Incoming documents</li> <li>3. Preparation IPKO and Tripartite June 2016</li> </ol>
CKAIR 14*	June 8, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	Debriefing IPKO and Tripartite May 30 - June 3, 2016

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

\*\*This meeting could not continue on the date for which it was originally called due to a lack of quorum (and continued on another date(s)).

## COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CF 01	September 16, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion on the proposed changes to the tax system</li> <li>2. Discussion on the annual reports of the year 2013 of government owned companies (IS/277/2014-2015 dated January 6, 2015)</li> </ol>
CF 02	September 24, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting (closed door)	Discussion with the Cft concerning the financial situation of Sint Maarten
CF 03*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
CF 04	December 8, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting (closed door)	Discussion with the Cft concerning the financial situation of Sint Maarten
CF 05**	March 10, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting (gathering) (closed door)	Discussion with the St. Maarten Bankers Association to give an update on effects of the FACTA for Sint Maarten and their affiliated institutions in particular (IS/467/2016-2016 dated February 5, 2016)
CF 06**	March 18, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting (gathering) (closed door)	Discussion with the CFT concerning the financial situation of Sint Maarten (IS/471/2016-2016 dated January 6, 2016)
CF 07* **	April 20, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting (gathering) (closed door)	Discussion with "Meldpunt Ongebruikelijke Transacties" (MOT) concerning their operation and guidelines (IS/580/2015-2016 dated March 10, 2016)





CF 08**	April 25, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting (gathering) (closed door)	Presentation by the draft Budget 2017 of the General Audit Chamber (IS/838/2015-2016 dated April 7, 2016)
CF 09*	May 23, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting (closed door)	Presentation of the draft Budget 2017 of the Ombudsman (IS/737/2015-2016 dated May 13, 2016)
CF 10	June 8, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	Presentation on tax reform (IS/751/2015-2016 dated May 17, 2016)
CF 11**	June 23, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting (gathering) (closed door)	Presentation of the draft Budget 2017 of the Council of Advice (IS/790/2015-2016 dated May 25, 2016)
CF 12**	June 29, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting (gathering) (closed door)	Discussion with the CFT concerning the financial situation of Sint Maarten (IS/803/2015-2016 dated May 31, 2016)

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

\*\*This meeting continued as a gathering due to a lack of quorum.

## COMMITTEE OF JUSTICE

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CJ 01*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
CJ 02	May 17, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	Discussion on the topic of legalization of cannabis (IS/615/2015-2016 dated April 13, 2016)

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

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

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CECYSA 01*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
CECYSA 02	December 10, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman of the committee

CECYSA 03	April 21, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	Presentation by Foresee Foundation on the ongoing projects pertaining to Technology in Education (IS/443/2015-2016 dated January 27, 2016)
CECYSA 04	June 29, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	Information regarding the social formation program (IS/894/2015-2016 dated June 24, 2016)

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

## COMMITTEE OF COUNTRY'S EXPENDITURES

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CLU 01*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

## COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CP 01*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
CP 02	December 10, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman of the committee

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

## AD HOC COMMITTEE NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDING

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
AHCNPB 01*	October 2, 2015	Ad Hoc Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
AHCNPB 02	April 19, 2016	Ad Hoc Committee Meeting (closed door)	Procedurevergadering: Discussion on procedural steps to be taken to come to a location, requirements and general conditions for the construction of a new Parliament Building



AHCNPB 03	June 22, 2016	Ad Hoc Committee Meeting (closed door)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval Decision Lists BCBNGS Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 1 and 2</li> <li>2. Discussion on the location, requirements and general conditions for the construction of a new Parliament Building</li> </ol>
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## COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CVSA 01*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
CVSA 02	December 10, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman of the committee

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

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

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CVROMI 01*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
CVROMI 02	December 10, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman of the committee

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

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

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
CTEATT 01*	October 2, 2015	Permanent Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee

CTEATT 02*	March 11, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	Discussion with AVA Airways concerning the business plan, the Sint Maarten Aviation open Sky policy, the private public partnership proposal with Winair, the intension with the FAA IASA cat 2 aviation rating and to bring to the attention of Parliament the circumvention, slanderous statement, discrimination and protecting of a monopoly in Air transport within the Dutch Caribbean by the Government of Curacao (IS/401/2015-2016 dated January 6, 2016)
CTEATT 03	May 9, 2016	Permanent Committee Meeting	Update on the state of affairs of the cruise industry

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date then the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

## AD HOC COMMITTEE OF INTEGRITY

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda
BCI 01*	October 2, 2015	Ad Hoc Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee
BCI 02	December 10, 2015	Ad Hoc Committee Meeting	Appointment of a chairman of the committee
BCI 03	January 14, 2016	Ad Hoc Committee Meeting	Continuation discussion on topics proposed in connection with setting the parameters and work method for the Permanent Committee Integrity
BCI 04	January 27, 2016	Ad Hoc Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval Decision lists BCI Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 1, 2 and 3</li> <li>Continuation discussion on topics proposed in connection with setting the parameters and work method for the Permanent Committee Integrity</li> </ol>
BCI 05	June 7, 2016	Ad Hoc Committee Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval Decision list BCI Parliamentary Year 2015-2016, no. 4</li> <li>Continuation discussion on topics proposed in connection with setting the parameters and work method for the Permanent Committee Integrity</li> </ol>

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date then the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).



## PRESIDIUM

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting
Pres 1	September 9, 2015	Presidium
Pres 2	September 21, 2015	Presidium
Pres 3	September 23, 2015	Presidium
Pres 4*	November 2, 2015	Presidium
Pres 5	December 8, 2015	Presidium
Pres 6	January 20, 2016	Presidium
Pres 7	February 17, 2016	Presidium
Pres 8	March 22, 2016	Presidium
Pres 9	April 14, 2016	Presidium
Pres 10	May 9, 2016	Presidium
Pres 11	June 9, 2016	Presidium
Pres 12	June 22, 2016	Presidium
Pres 13	June 27, 2016	Presidium
Pres 14	July 26, 2016	Presidium

\* This meeting was postponed to a different date than the date for which it was originally called and continued on another date(s).

## FACTION LEADERS MEETING

Nr. Meeting	Date	Type of meeting
FLM 01	September 24, 2015	Faction leaders meeting
FLM 02	January 14, 2016	Faction leaders meeting
FLM 03	March 7, 2016	Faction leaders meeting
FLM 04	April 18, 2016	Faction leaders meeting
FLM 05	April 22, 2016	Faction leaders meeting
FLM 06	June 27, 2016	Faction leaders meeting



PARLIAMENT MEETINGS  
**ATTENDANCE LISTS**

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	POV 1 8-Sep	OV 1 17-Sep	OV 2 17-Sep	OV 3 14-Sep	OV 3 29-Sep	OV 4 21-Sep	OV 4 22-Sep	OV 5 30-Sep	OV 6 12-Nov	OV 7 13-Oct	OV 8 9-Nov	OV 9 28-Oct	OV 10 23-Nov	
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	40	98%	1	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pantophlet	George C.	36	88%	4	1	P	AN	AN	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	37	90%	4	0	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Samuel *	Rodolphe E.	24	86%	1	3														
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	25	89%	0	3														
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	37	90%	2	1	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	22	54%	3	16	ANN	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lake	Maurice A.	40	98%	1	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Meyers	Franklin A.	36	88%	4	1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P
Heyliger	Theodore E.	32	78%	5	4	AN	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Lloyd J.	37	90%	3	1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P
Leonard	Johan E.	36	88%	4	1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	26	63%	13	2	P	AN	AN	AN	ANN	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	P	AN
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	34	83%	7	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	39	95%	2	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Marlin**	William V.	11	92%	1	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P
Jacobs**	Silveria E.	12	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Last Name	First Name	OV 11 10-Dec	OV 12 11-Dec	OV 13 13-Jan	OV 13 15-Jan	OV 14 12-Jan	OV 15 27-Jan	OV 16 29-Feb	OV 16 1-Mar	OV 16 10-Mar	OV 16 17-Mar	OV 17 21-Apr	OV 18 24-Feb	OV 19 26-Feb	OV 19 19-Apr	OV 19 18-May	OV 20 22-Mar	OV 20 31-Mar	
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pantophlet	George C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P
Samuel *	Rodolphe E.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	P	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	ANN	AN	AN	ANN	ANN	ANN	ANN	ANN
Lake	Maurice A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Meyers	Franklin A.	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Heyliger	Theodore E.	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	ANN	P	P
Richardson	Lloyd J.	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Leonard	Johan E.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	ANN	AN	P	P	P
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Marlin**	William V.																		
Jacobs**	Silveria E.																		

Last Name	First Name	OV 21 4-May	OV 21 16-May	OV 21 16-May	OV 22 23-May	OV 22 20-Jun	OV 23 19-May	OV 23 23-Jun	OV 24 9-Jun	OV 25 22-Jun	OV 26 21-Jun	OV 27 30-Jun
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Pantophlet	George C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P
Samuel *	Rodolphe E.	P	ANN	ANN	P	P	AN	ANN	P	P	P	P
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	ANN	ANN	ANN	ANN	AN	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	ANN
Lake	Maurice A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Heyliger	Theodore E.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Richardson	Lloyd J.	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P
Leonard	Johan E.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	AN	AN	AN	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P
Marlin**	William V.											
Jacobs**	Silveria E.											

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## CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	CC 01 15-Sep	CC 02 15-Sep	CC 03 29-Sep	CC 04 5-Oct	CC 05 9-Nov	CC 07 10-Nov	CC 08 9-Nov	CC 09 10-Nov	CC 11 13-Nov	CC 12 23-Nov	CC 12 28-Jan	CC 12 8-Mar	CC 13 9-Dec	
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	30	97%	1	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pantophlet	George C.	29	94%	2	0	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	28	90%	2	1	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Samuel *	Rodolphe E.	18	86%	2	1												P	P	P
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	21	100%	0	0											P	P	P	
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	29	94%	1	1	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	
Matser	Silvio J.	18	58%	1	12	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	
Lake	Maurice A.	27	87%	2	2	AN	AN	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P
Meyers	Franklin A.	26	84%	4	1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Heyliger	Theodore E.	19	61%	6	6	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Lloyd J.	26	84%	2	3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P
Leonard	Johan E.	26	84%	3	2	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	15	48%	13	3	AN	AN	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	P	AN
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	26	84%	5	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	29	94%	1	1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Marlin**	William V.	6	67%	2	1	P	P	ANN	P	P	AN	P	AN	P					
Jacobs**	Silveria E.	9	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					



Last Name	First Name	CC 14 10-Dec	CC 15 10-Dec	CC 16 26-Jan	CC 16 23-Feb	CC 17 28-Jan	CC 18 5-Apr	CC 18 26-Apr	CC 19 8-Feb	CC 19 9-Feb	CC 19 10-Feb	CC 20 24-Mar	CC 20 18-Apr	CC 21 28-Apr	CC 22 13-May	CC 23 18-May	CC 24 10-Jun	CC25 28-Jun
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P
Pantophlet	George C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P
Richardson	Frans G.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	P
Samuel *	Rodolphe E.	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	P	P	P	AN	P	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	ANN	ANN	ANN	ANN	ANN	ANN	ANN
Lake	Maurice A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Meyers	Franklin A.	AN	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Heyliger	Theodore E.	ANN	AN	P	P	P	ANN	AN	P	P	ANN	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	AN
Richardson	Lloyd J.	ANN	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	AN	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P
Leonard	Johan E.	ANN	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	AN	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	AN	ANN	P	AN	P	AN
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	AN	AN	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	AN	P
Marlin**	William V.																	
Jacobs**	Silveria E.																	

Last Name	First Name	CC 26 29-Jun
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P
Pantophlet	George C.	P
Richardson	Frans G.	P
Samuel *	Rodolphe E.	ANN
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	P
Matser	Silvio J.	ANN
Lake	Maurice A.	P
Meyers	Franklin A.	P
Heyliger	Theodore E.	AN
Richardson	Lloyd J.	P
Leonard	Johan E.	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	ANN
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	P
Marlin**	William V.	
Jacobs**	Silveria E.	

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## COMMITTEE OF KINGDOM AFFAIRS AND INTERPARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	CKAIR 01 18-Sep	CKAIR 02 12-Nov	CKAIR 03 12-Nov	CKAIR 04 1-Dec	CKAIR 05 10-Dec	CKAIR 06 9-Dec	CKAIR 07 12-Jan	CKAIR 08 24-Feb	CKAIR09 23-Mar
Pantophlet *	George C.	10	100%	0	0		P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	13	93%	1	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	14	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	13	93%	1	0	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P
Meyers*	Franklin A.	11	73%	3	0	P			P	AN		P	P	AN
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	13	93%	1	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	7	54%	0	6	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	ANN
Lake	Maurice A.	12	92%	0	1		P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P
Marlin**	William V.	0	0%	2	1	ANN	AN	AN						
										P		P		
Richardson	Lloyd J.					P				P				
Heyliger	Theodore E.									P				
Leonard	Johan E.						P							
Leonard	Tamara E.													
Emmanuel	Christophe T.						P	P	P	P				
Samuel	Rodolphe E.									P				
Richardson	Hyacinth L.													
Jacobs	Silveria E.					P		P						

Last Name	First Name	CKAIR 10 4-Apr	CKAIR 11 26-Apr	CKAIR 12 11-Apr	CKAIR 13 17-May	CKAIR 14 21-Jun
Pantophlet *	George C.	P	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	P	P	P	P	P
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	P	P	P	P	P
Meyers*	Franklin A.	AN	P	P	P	P
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	P	P	P	AN	P
Matser	Silvio J.	ANN	ANN	P	ANN	ANN
Lake	Maurice A.	P	P	P	P	P
Marlin**	William V.					
			P	P	P	
Richardson	Lloyd J.					
Heyliger	Theodore E.					
Leonard	Johan E.					
Leonard	Tamara E.			P		
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	P		P		
Samuel	Rodolphe E.					
Richardson	Hyacinth L.					
Jacobs	Silveria E.					

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

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	CTEZVT 01 12-Nov	CTEZVT 02 22-Apr	CTEZVT 03 9-May
Matser	Silvio J.	1	33%	0	2	P	ANN	ANN
Richardson	Frans G.	3	100%	0	0	P	P	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	1	33%	1	1	AN	ANN	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	3	100%	0	0	P	P	P
Samuel*	Rodolphe E.	2	100%	0	0		P	P
Marlin**	William V.	0	0%	1	0	AN		
Heyliger	Theodore E.							P
Leonard	Johan E.							
De Weever	Van Hugh C.						P	P
Pantophlet	George C.						P	P
Richardson	Lloyd J.							P
Meyers	Franklin A.							
Lake	Maurice A.							P
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.							
Wescot-Willaims	Sarah A.					P	P	P
Richardson	Hyacinth L.							P
Jacobs	Silveria E.							

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## AD HOC COMMITTEE INTEGRITY

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	Ad Hoc 01 12-Nov	Ad Hoc 02 10-Dec	Ad Hoc 03 14-Jan	Ad Hoc 04 27-Jan	Ad Hoc 05 7-Jun
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	5	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P	P
Pantophlet*	George C.	4	100%	0	0		P	P	P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	4	80%	1	0	P	P	P	P	AN
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	4	80%	1	0	P	P	P	P	AN
Richardson	Frans G.	4	80%	0	1	P	P	ANN	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	2	40%	3	0	P	P	ANN	ANN	ANN
Lake	Maurice A.	5	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P	P
Meyers*	Franklin A.	2	50%	1	1		AN	P	P	ANN
Marlin**	William V.	0	0%	1	0	AN				

Richardson	Lloyd J.						P		P	
Heyliger	Theodore E.						P			
Leonard	Johan E.						P			
Leonard	Tamara E.									
Samuel	Rodolphe E.						P			P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.									P
Richardson	Hyacinth L.						P			
Jacobs	Silveria E.									

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

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	COCJS 01 12-Nov	COCJS 02 10-Dec	COCJS 03 21-Apr	COCJ 04 29-Jun
Samuel*	Rodolphe E.	3	100%	0	0		P	P	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	1	25%	2	1	AN	AN	P	ANN
Lake	Maurice A.	4	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	4	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	4	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	2	50%	0	2	P	P	ANN	ANN
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	2	67%	0	1		P	ANN	P
Jacobs**	Silveria E.	1	100%	0	0	P			
Pantophlet	Sarah A.					P	P	P	
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.						P		P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.						P	P	P
Heyliger	Theodore E.						P		
Pantophlet	George C.							P	P
Richardson	Lloyd J.						P		P
Leonard	Johan E.								
Meyers	Franklin A.								
Marlin	William V.								

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## COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	CP 01 12-Nov	CP 02 10-Dec
Matser	Silvio J.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Leonard	Johan E.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	1	100%	0	0		P
Samuel*	Rodolphe E.	1	100%	0	0		P
Lake	Maurice A.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Richardson	Lloyd J.	1	50%	0	1	ANN	P
Marlin**	William V.	0	0%	1	0	AN	
Pantophlet	George C.						
De Weever	Van Hugh C.						P
Leonard	Tamara E.						
Meyers	Franklin A.						
Richardson	Frans G.						P
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.						
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.					P	P
Heyliger	Theodore E.						
Jacobs	Silveria E.						

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## COMMITTEE OF COUNTRY'S EXPENDITURES

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	CLU 01 12-Nov
Pantophlet	George C.	1	100%	0	0	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	0	0%	1	0	AN
Richardson	Frans G.	1	100%	0	0	P
Lake	Maurice A.	1	100%	0	0	P
Marlin**	William V.	0	0%	1	0	AN

Emmanuel	Christophe T.					
Meyers	Franklin A.					
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.					
De Weever	Van Hugh C.					
Wescot-Willaims	Sarah A.					P
Richardson	Lloyd J.					
Heyliger	Theodore E.					
Leonard	Johan E.					
Matser	Silvio J.					
Samuel	Rodolphe E.					
Emmanuel	Christophe T.					
Jacobs	Silveria E.					

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

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	CVROMI 01 12-Nov	CVROMI 02 10-Dec
Samuel	Rodolphe E.	1	100%	0	0		P
Matser	Silvio J.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Lake	Maurice A.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Heyliger	Theodore E.	1	50%	0	1	ANN	P
Richardson	Hyacinth L.	1	100%	0	0		P
Marlin	William V.	0	0%	1	0	AN	
Leonard	Tamara E.						
Meyers	Franklin A.						
Leonard	Johan E.						P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.						
Pantophlet	George C.						P
Richardson	Lloyd J.						P
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.					P	P
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.						
Jacobs	Silveria E.						

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## COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	CVSA 01 12-Nov	CVSA 02 10-Dec
Samuel*	Rodolphe E.	1	100%	0	0		P
Lake	Maurice A.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Leonard	Tamara E.	0	0%	2	0	AN	AN
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Richardson	Lloyd J.	1	50%	0	1	ANN	P
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	1	100%	0	0		P
Jacobs**	Silveria E.	1	100%	0	0	P	
Marlin**	William V.	0	0%	1	0	AN	
Pantophlet	George C.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	1	100%	0	0	P	P
Meyers	Franklin A.						
Leonard	Johan E.						P
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.						P
Heyliger	Theodore E.						P
Matser	Silvio J.						P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.						P

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## AD HOC COMMITTEE NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDING

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	BCBNGS 01 12-Nov	BCBNGS 02 19-Apr	BCBNGS 03 22-Jun
Lake	Maurice A.	3	100%	0	0	P	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	2	67%	0	1	P	ANN	P
Richardson	Frans G.	2	67%	0	1	P	ANN	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	3	100%	0	0	P	P	P
Richardson	Lloyd J.	2	67%	0	1	ANN	P	P
Marlin**	William V.	0	0%	1	0	AN		
Richardson*	Hyacinth L.	0	0%	0	2		ANN	ANN
Samuel*	Rodolphe E.	2	100%	0	0		P	P
Meyers	Franklin A.							
Heyliger	Theodore E.						P	
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.							P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.						P	P
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.					P		
Leonard	Johan E.							
Leonard	Tamara E.							
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## COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Last Name	First Name	Present	Present %	AN	ANN	CF 01 18-Sep	CF 02 24-Sep	CF 02 12-Nov	CF 03 12-Nov	CF 04	CF09 7-Jun	CF10 8-Jun
Pantophlet	George C.	5	71%	1	1	AN	ANN	P	P	P	P	P
Richardson	Frans G.	7	100%	0	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matser	Silvio J.	6	86%	0	1	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.	2	100%	0	1	P	P					
Heyliger	Theodore E.	4	80%	2	0		P	ANN	P	P	P	P
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	3	100%			P	P	P			P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.	2	100%			P	P					
Leonard	Johan E.	1	50%			P	ANN					
Marlin	William V.	0	0%				P	AN				
<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Tamara E.</i>						P					
<i>Emmanuel</i>	<i>Christophe T.</i>										P	
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<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Franklin A.</i>					P	P					
<i>Richardson</i>	<i>Hyacinth L.</i>											
<i>Samuel</i>	<i>Rodolphe E.</i>										P	P
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Richardson	Frans G.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Pantophlet	George C.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Leonard	Johan E.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Heyliger	Theodore E.	1	50%	0	1	ANN	P
Emmanuel	Christophe T.	2	100%	0	0	P	P
Samuel*	Rodolphe E.	0	0%	1	0		AN
Jacobs**	Silveria E.	1	100%	0	0	P	

Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.					P	P
De Weever	Van Hugh C.						P
Richardson	Lloyd J.						P
Matser	Silvio J.						
Lake	Maurice A.						P
Leonard	Tamara E.						P
Marlin-Romeo	Leona M.					P	
Richardson	Hyacinth L.						P
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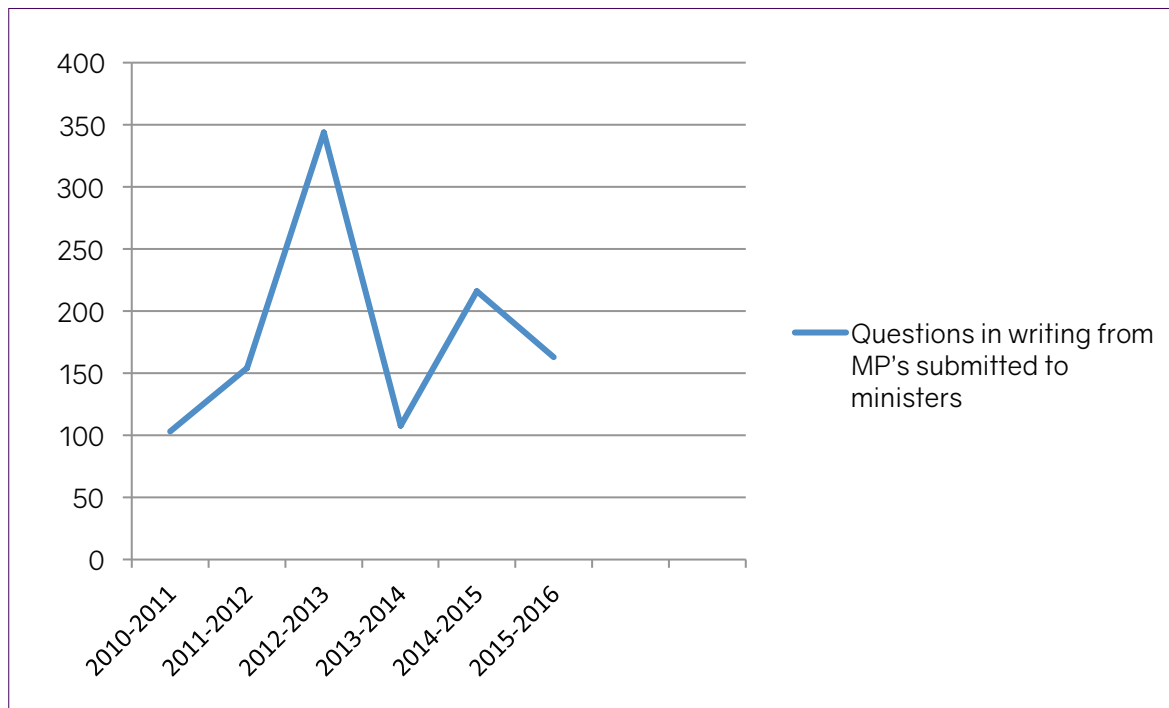
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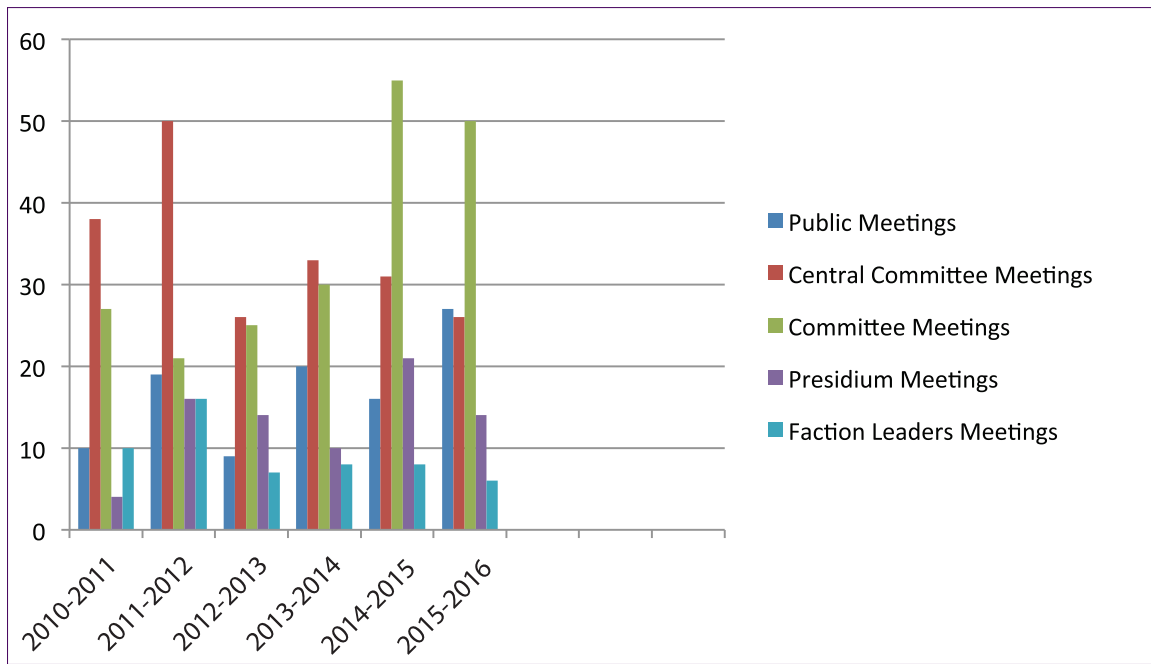
## QUESTIONS IN WRITING FROM MP'S SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS DURING THE PERIOD 2010-2016



Parliamentary Year	Questions in writing from MP's submitted to ministers
2010-2011	103
2011-2012	154
2012-2013	344 <sup>1</sup>
2013-2014	108
2014-2015	216 <sup>2</sup>
2015-2016	163

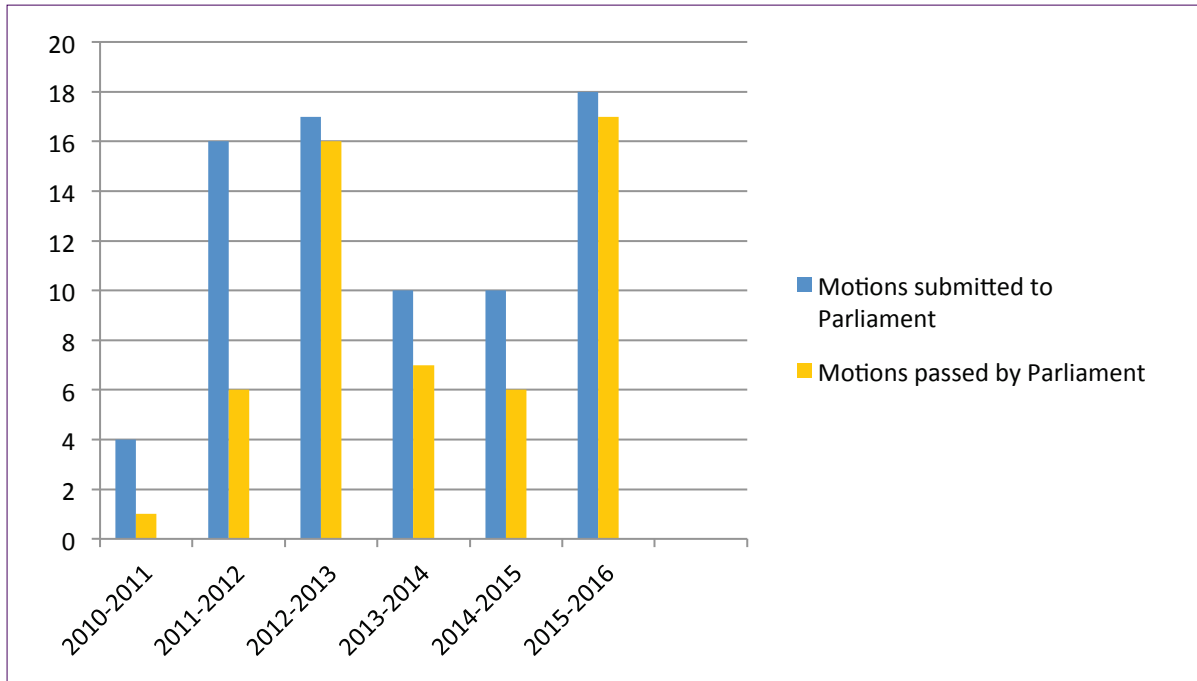


MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENT HELD DURING THE PERIOD 2010-2016



Parliamentary Year	Public Meetings	Central Committee Meetings	Committee Meetings	Presidium Meetings	Faction Leaders Meeting
2010-2011	10	38	27	4	10
2011-2012	19	50	21	16	16
2012-2013	9	26	25	14	7
2013-2014	20	33	30	10	8
2014-2015	16	31	55	21	8
2015-2016	27	26	50	14	6

### MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT DURING THE PERIOD 2010-2016

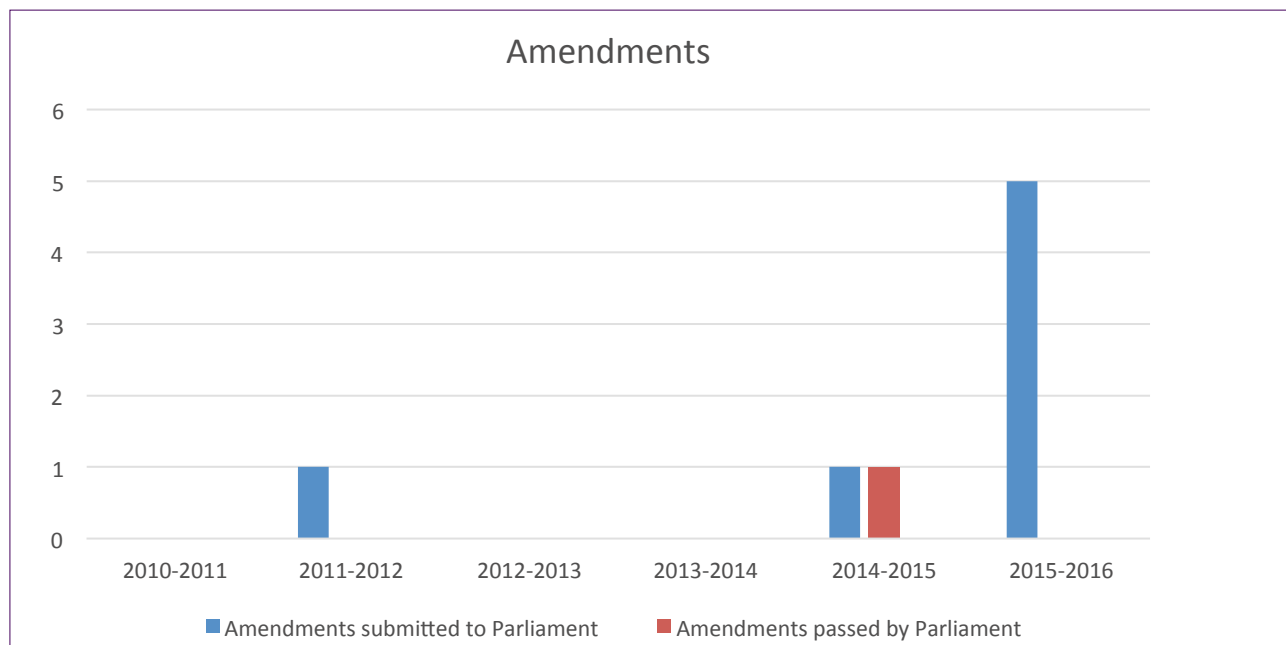


Parliamentary Year	Motions submitted to Parliament	Motions passed by Parliament
2010-2011	4	1
2011-2012	16	6
2012-2013	17	16
2013-2014	10	7
2014-2015	10	6
2015-2016	18	17



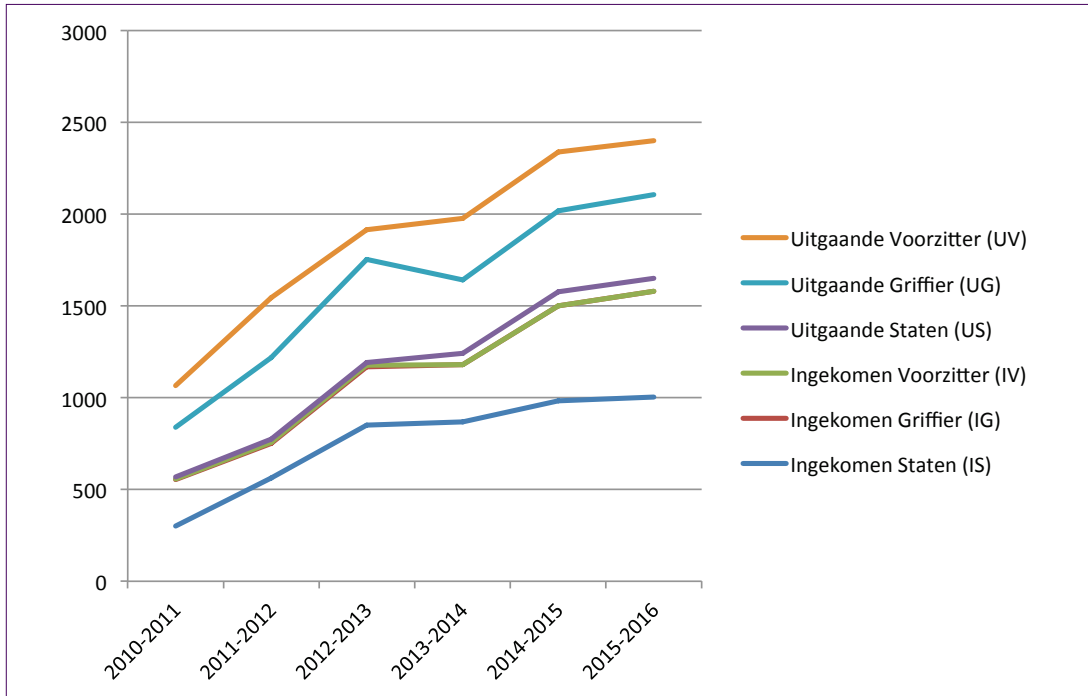


AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT DURING 2010-2016



Parliamentary Year	Amendments submitted to Parliament	Amendments passed by Parliament
2010-2011	0	0
2011-2012	1	0
2012-2013	0	0
2013-2014	0	0
2014-2015	1	1
2015-2016	5	0

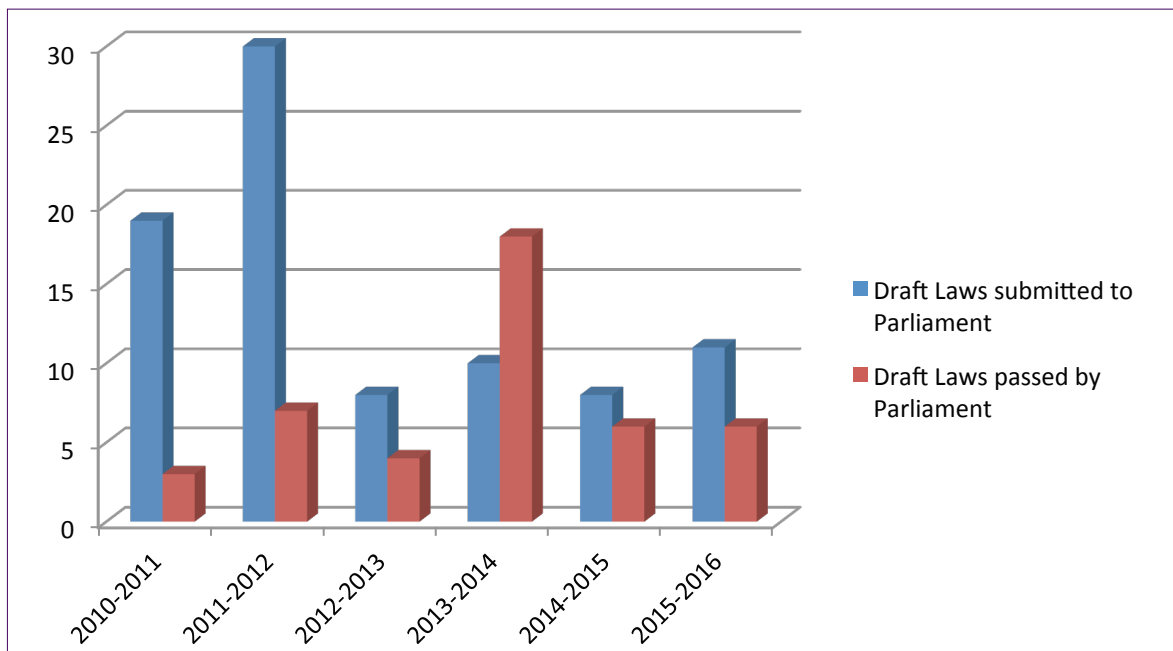
## INCOMING AND OUTGOING DOCUMENTS OF PARLIAMENT DURING THE PERIOD 2010-2016



Parliamentary Year	Ingekomen Staten (IS)	Ingekomen Voorzitter (IV)	Ingekomen Griffier (IG)	Uitgaande Staten (US)	Uitgaande Voorzitter (UV)	Uitgaande Griffier (UG)
2010-2011	300	3	254	10	227	272
2011-2012	563	7	188	17	327	444
2012-2013	852	9	317	15	162	560
2013-2014	868	0	312	61	334	402
2014-2015	984	0	518	76	320	441
2015-2016	1003	0	577	70	295	457

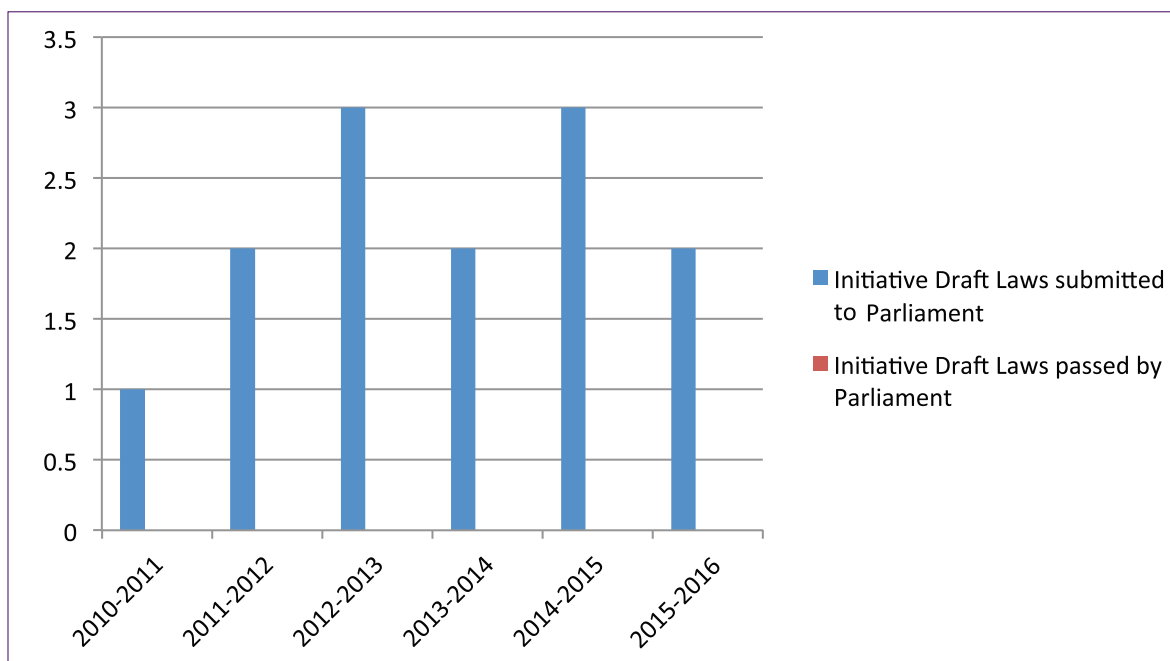


DRAFT LAWS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT DURING THE PERIOD 2010-2016



	Draft Laws submitted to Parliament	Draft Laws passed by Parliament
2010-2011	19	3
2011-2012	30	7
2012-2013	8	4
2013-2014	10	18
2014-2015	8	6
2015-2016	11	6

## INITIATIVE DRAFT LAWS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT DURING THE PERIOD THE 2010-2016



	Initiative Draft Laws submitted to Parliament	Initiative Draft Laws passed by Parliament
2010-2011	1	0
2011-2012	2	0
2012-2013	3	0
2013-2014	2	0
2014-2015	3	0
2015-2016	2	0



## DRAFT LAWS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT 2015/2016

1. **Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening op het beroep in belastingzaken 1940, de Landsverordening administratieve rechtspraak en aanverwante landsverordeningen (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-080)**

National Ordinance amending the Ordinance of 1940 on Appeal in Tax cases, the National Ordinance on administrative Procedure and related Ordinances (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-080)

2. **Landsverordening tot wijziging van de pensioenlandsverordening overheidsdienaren, de Landsverordening leeftijdsgrens ambtenaren en de wachtgeldregeling overheidsdienaren in verband met de verhoging van de pensioengerechtigde leeftijd (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-081)**

National Ordinance amending the Pension ordinance civil servants, the age limit Ordinance civil servants and the redundancy scheme civil servants in connection with the raising of the retirement age (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-081)

3. **Landsverordening tot wijziging van het Burgerlijk Wetboek en enkele andere landsverordeningen in verband met de**

**vervanging van de zevende titel A van Boek 7A door een nieuwe titel 10 van Boek 7 regelende voorschriften voor arbeidsovereenkomsten (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-082)**

National Ordinance amending the Civil Code and some other country regulations relating to the replacement of the seventh title A of Book 7A with a new Title 10 of Book 7 regulatory requirements for employment (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-082)

4. **Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Motorrijtuigbelastingverordening in verband met de verhoging van de motorrijtuigbelasting teneinde de overheidsfinanciën structureel te verbeteren (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-083)**

National Ordinance amending the Motor Vehicle Tax ordinance associated with the increase in the motor vehicle tax in order to structurally improve public finances (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-083)

5. **Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening ruimtelijke ontwikkelingsplan in verband met het herinvoeren van artikel 28a (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-084)**

National Ordinance amending the National Ordinance Spatial Development Plan in connection with the reintroduction of article 28a (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-084)

**6. Initiatiefontwerplandsverordening houdende regels betreffende de integriteit van de (kandidaat-) ministers (Landsverordening integriteit (kandidaat-) ministers) (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-085)**

Initiative National Ordinance containing rules regarding the integrity of the (candidate) Ministers (Ordinance integrity (candidate) ministers) (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-085)

**7. Landsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2016 (Landsverordening begroting 2016) (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-086)**

National Ordinance stipulating the Budget of the Country for the year 2016 (National Ordinance Budget 2016) (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-086)

**8. Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening identiteitskaarten in verband met de invoering van een identiteitskaart voor geprivilegieerden (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-087)**

National Ordinance amending the Ordinance identification cards in connection with the introduction of an identity card for privileged (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-087)

**9. Initiatiefontwerplandsverordening tot wijziging van de Staatsregeling (AB 2010, no. GT 1) ter uitbreiding van de taken van het Constitutioneel Hof en aanpassing van de Landsverordening Constitutioneel Hof (AB 2010, GT no. 29) en de Landsverordening Ombudsman (AB 2010, GT no. 20) in verband met de wijziging van de Staatsregeling (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-088)**

Initiative National Ordinance amending the Constitution (AB 2010 no. GT 1) to expand the tasks of the Constitutional Court and make adaptation to the National Ordinance Constitutional Court (AB 2010 GT no. 29) and the National Ordinance Ombudsman (AB 2010 GT no. 20) in connection with the amendment of the Constitution (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-088)

**10. Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening materieel ambtenarenrecht houdende regels inzake het georganiseerd overleg over de rechtspositie van overheidsdienaren (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-089)**

National Ordinance amending the Ordinance Civil Service law to protect the organized approach of Public Servants status (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-089)

**11. Landsverordening houdende algemene regels inzake de bestuurlijke handhaving van wettelijke voorschriften (Landsverordening bestuurlijke handhaving) (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-090)**



National Ordinance setting down General rules for the administrative enforcement of law (Ordinance Administrative implementation) (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-090)

## DRAFT LAWS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT 2015/2016

1. **Landsverordening tot wijziging van enige landsverordeningen in verband met de invoering van de dag van de Staatsregeling, dan wel Constitution Day, als feestdag (Parliamentary Year 2014-2015-077)**

National Ordinance amending a few National Ordinances in connection with the introduction of the date of the Constitution or Constitution Day as a National Holiday (ZJ 2015-2016-077)

2. **Landsverordening houdende wijziging van de Landsverordening Algemene Ouderdomsverzekering en de Landsverordening Algemene Weduwen- en wezen verzekering in verband met de verhoging van het ouderdomspensioen en van de pensioenleeftijd (Landsverordening verhoging ouderdomspensioen en pensioenleeftijd) (Zittingsjaar 2013-2014-041)**

National Ordinance amending the Ordinance on General Retirement Insurance and the National Ordinance General Widows and Orphans Insurance in connection with the raising of the retirement and pension age (National Ordinance raising of the retirement and pension age) (Parliamentary Year 2013-2014-041)

3. **Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening op het beroep in belastingzaken 1940, de Landsverordening administratieve rechtspraak en aanverwante landsverordeningen (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-080)**

National Ordinance amending the Ordinance of 1940 on Appeal in Tax cases, the National Ordinance on administrative Procedure and related Ordinances (Parliamentary Year 2015-2016-080)

4. **Landsverordening houdende regels over de zorg voor de publieke gezondheid (Zittingsjaar 2014-2015-074)**

National Ordinance containing regulations for Public Health (Parliamentary Year 2014-2015-074)

5. **Landsverordening tot wijziging van de pensioenlandsverordening overheidsdienaren, de Landsverordening leeftijdsgrens ambtenaren en de wachtgeldregeling overheidsdienaren in verband met de verhoging van de pensioengerechtigde leeftijd (Zittingsjaar 2015-2016-081)**

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7. Motion condemning strongly and repudiating the remarks made by Attorney General Mr. Guus Schram that the underworld and legitimate society in Sint Maarten are structurally intertwined, calling on the competent authorities to invite Attorney General Mr. Guus Schram to tender his resignation as Attorney General and calling on the Government of Sint Maarten to demand that the Attorney General of Sint Maarten reside and work on Sint Maarten as a member of the legitimate society of St. Maarten, and be committed to fighting crime and defending the reputation of Sint Maarten;
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16. Motion requesting the Minister of Justice to come with guidelines or adjustment of the Traffic Ordinance or other relevant regulations, to make it mandatory that drivers of taxis and buses, have their identification card and an emergency phone number in the taxis and buses where they are visible to the passenger when in the taxis and buses;
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# PERMANENT AND AD HOC COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT

## Committee of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure Commissie Volkshuisvesting, Ruimtelijke Ordening, Milieu en Infrastructuur

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|--|------------------------------|--|
| 1. MP drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel<br>(Chairperson) | 3. MP Frans G. Richardson    | 7. MP Hyacinth L. Richardson             |
| 2. MP Silvio J. Matser<br>(Vice Chairperson)   | 4. MP Christophe T. Emmanuel | Griffier: N.R. Guishard-Joubert,<br>LL.M |
|  | 5. MP Maurice A. Lake        |  |
|  | 6. MP Theodore E. Heyliger   |  |

## Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs Commissie Onderwijs, Cultuur, Jeugd en Sport

- |   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. MP drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel (Chairperson) | 5. MP Frans G. Richardson         |
| 2. MP Tamara E. Leonard (Vice Chairperson)  | 6. MP Silvio J. Matser            |
| 3. MP Maurice A. Lake                       | 7. MP Hyacinth L. Richardson      |
| 4. MP Christophe T. Emmanuel                | Griffier: A.A. Groen-Gumbs, LL.M. |

## Committee of Justice Commissie Justitie

- |   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. MP Frans G. Richardson (Chairperson)       | 5. MP Christophe T. Emmanuel      |
| 2. MP George C. Pantophlet (Vice Chairperson) | 6. MP drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel     |
| 3. MP Johan E. Leonard                        | Griffier: A.A. Groen-Gumbs, LL.M. |
| 4. MP Theodore E. Heyliger                    |                                   |

## Committee of Public Health, Social Development and Labor Commissie Gezondheidszorg, Sociale Ontwikkeling en Arbeid

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. MP drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel<br>(Chairperson) | 3. MP Tamara E. Leonard      | 7. MP Lloyd J. Richardson, MD     |
| 2. MP Maurice A. Lake<br>(Vice Chairperson)    | 4. MP Christophe T. Emmanuel | 8. MP Hyacinth L. Richardson      |
|  | 5. MP George C. Pantophlet   | Griffier: A.A. Groen-Gumbs, LL.M. |
|  | 6. MP Frans G. Richardson    |                                   |

## Committee of Finance Commissie Financiën

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|--|-----------------------------------|
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