



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

Aan de Minister van Algemene Zaken
Mevrouw S.A. Wescot-Williams
p/a Ministerraad
Philipsburg

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Betreft: Aanbieding vragen lid J.C. James

Middels deze bied ik u aan een 33-tal vragen van het lid der Staten de heer Jules C. James ingevolge artikel 62 van de Staatsregeling van Sint Maarten en artikel 63 van het Reglement van Orde van de Staten.

Ik verwijs u korthedshalve naar de inhoud daarvan.

drs. R.E. Samuel
Voorzitter der Staten

To Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs of St. Maarten
Mrs. Sarah Westcott-Williams
Philipsburg
St.Maarten

Philipsburg, September 18, 2012

Subject: Questions regarding PSS.

Dear Mrs. Westcott-Williams:

It is my understanding that the PSS may be undergoing some serious financial challenges, so in this respect, I would appreciate if you could share all relevant information regarding the PSS with Parliament.

Please clarify and offer any elucidation to the below concerns and questions.

1. May we receive a recent copy of the 2012 PSS budget?
2. Has PSS remained within the confines of its budget or has this been exceeded?
3. Based on previous forecasts, is the current revenue being generated on target?
4. If not, please advise Parliament, Government's intention to remedy this?
5. Please advise whether the management leader and team is strong enough, in other words, would you say that you are pleased with the current handling of the PSS and the direction in which it is heading?
6. Do you foresee any need to have to make changes with the Management team?
7. Please advise what new initiatives have been taken by Government to circumvent the need for bailout at both the expense of and lack of foresight?
8. Please advise how much money the Government have had to inject in PSS so far and how much more Government is prepared to inject?
9. What can you tell us about the current competition that PSS is facing?
10. Are there any specific/particular reason that you would say puts PSS at a disadvantage because of any particular reasons?



11. What does PSS plan to do to combat any unfair competition?
12. Please advise on the relationship between management and the employees?
13. Please advise what is the standard or normal time for letters to be transferred between one island to the next? (Specifically within the former NA?)
14. Is there any truth to the rumors that letters are taking in excess of 5 days for inter-island transfer?
15. If indeed this is the case, wouldn't this be against basic postal regulations?
16. Is it the case that some of the competitors, although not having a concessionaires license to transport letters are still conducting this business. 16a. Is this practice of 16 not illegal?
17. Please advise whether Government has heard about this and is prepared to conduct an investigation to ascertain whether the rumors about this are true or not? After all if this is the case, it will be to the detriment of PSS. This we could ill afford in this tough economic time.
18. Please advise how Saba and Statia are being handled and whether PSS is missing out on some business opportunities as a result of this rumored unfair competition?
19. Please advise what you as Minister with the responsibility over PSS as well as Government intends to do to address this before it's too late?
20. Would it not be prudent for Government to commission an audit to ascertain that the rumors are nothing more than rumors, or whether any fraudulent acts may have been committed or at best be able to correct an injustice to our young nation?
21. Please advise whether objectives set for PSS to achieve, whether they have been achieved or how close to achieving these?
22. Please advise of all PSS objectives to Parliament that was set?
23. Please advise how many postal network relationships have been created since PSS have started?
24. Please advise whether you are pleased with the work of the BOD, as well as what is the relationship with management and the Board of Directors?
25. Please advise whether there is any truth to the rumors that the employees' representatives are considering staging a strike, because they are not pleased with senior management and the current direction of PSS?
26. What can you share with Parliament concerning the rumors that Government is looking for the opportune occasion to sack it's current director to bring in a team from one of the former Antilles island's to lead PSS?



27. Is it not through that this Government is about looking after our young talented professionals to allow them an opportunity to be part of the building of our nation? So will not replace any young professional from their posts, just to satisfy any political arrangements, correct?
28. Please advise whether St. Maarten ever did receive any of the proceeds of the sale from the NPNA to the Canadians?
29. If not, how does this Government intend to address this?
30. What progress update can you provide regarding the E-Zone services?
31. Would you say that our postal service is healthy, or is in need of medical attention?
32. Can the people of St. Maarten expect to see an improvement in the postal services within short?
33. Will an audit be carried out on PSS as well or will these accusations be accepted as truth?

I look forward to receiving your response to the above questions.

Regards,



MP Jules C. James