



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

Aan de Minister van Justitie
De heer R.E. Duncan
A.T. Illidge Road
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Betreft: Aanbieding vragen lid drs. G.R. Arrindell

Middels deze bied ik u aan een 10-tal vragen van het lid der Staten mevrouw drs. G.R. Arrindell, 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



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The Honorable Roland E. Duncan
Minister of Justice
Present

Sint Maarten, October 2nd, 2012

Subject: Status of 'Security' of Security Companies in Sint Maarten.

Honorable Minister of Justice Duncan,

In the aftermath of the recent brutal double murder in Sint Maarten, allegedly committed by a security guard, I to share my grave concern with regards to the question how reliable are the background checks and screening of persons employed by security companies.

Secondly, I highly commend the men and woman in the police force and justice department for working tirelessly to keep our island safe for our residents and valued visitors. Specifically, kudos and a heartfelt thank you to those officers who worked around the clock to solve this heinous crime. Please convey my appreciation.

The issue of safety and security has always been high on my agenda in representing our people. In order for me to make an informed opinion based on facts, I herewith submit to you as Minister of Justice several questions pertaining to the abovementioned subject matter.

1. Is there any coordination between the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Labor with regards to respectively, the screening of the security companies and the screening of the employees of said companies prior to the respective permits being granted. If yes, please explain how this coordination is done in practice.
2. Is there any coordination between the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Justice regarding the establishment of security companies.
3. It is my understanding that the majority of security personnel employed by these companies are of foreign nationality. Is this correct. If yes, can you please submit a list with the number of persons with a foreign nationality employed as a security guard.
4. How long must one reside legally on Sint Maarten to become eligible for a job as a security guard.
5. It is my understanding that the number of security companies have increased significantly over the years. Are you of the opinion that Sint Maarten has become safer because of this increase, or do you support the notion there is no significant



correlation between our safety and the number of security companies or agencies in Sint Maarten.

6. To what extent is extra screening done by the Ministry of prospective security guards, who are to be stationed at 'sensitive locations' such as for example, our Harbor, Airport, Government and Parliament buildings, Telecommunications and Gebe, Court House, to mention a few.
7. How does the Ministry verify the police records with the country of origin submitted by individuals who apply for residency permits. Does the Ministry have access to or make use of any international screening system to verify the authenticity of persons applying for residency permits.
8. How many persons who are now registered under the BTA process, have applied to be a security guard.
9. What preventative measures or policies does the Ministry intend to take with regards to the security companies personnel. For example does the Ministry intend to call a meeting with the security companies and agencies in an effort to be on the same level of understanding the importance of having reliable, screened and trained personnel.

Finally; certainly just as important as the abovementioned questions,

10. The brutal manner in which allegedly the female victim was murdered, calls for special investigation. Can the Ministry indicate if it intends to ask for the input of professional entities such as a psychiatrist or any other appropriate behavioral specialist, to get to the source of the reason for the display of this 'rage' by the young criminal (s) allegedly involved in the murders mentioned above.

Awaiting your earliest response,

Respectfully,

MP drs. Gracita R. Arrindell, (UPP Faction)