



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs  
Mr. W.S. Smith  
Government Administration Building  
Philipsburg

UV/155/2018-2019

Philipsburg, December 20, 2018

Re: Letter from MP S.E. Jacobs regarding a request for the minister to provide a detailed plan of action of how government intends to rebuild or assist with the rebuilding of P.J.L. as well as temporary housing during the reconstruction

Hon. Minister Smith,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Ms. Silveria E. Jacobs pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,



S.A. Wescot-Williams  
President of Parliament



Silveria E. Jacobs

Member of the Parliament of  
Sint Maarten

To President of Parliament  
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December 5th, 2018

**Re: Status of the Philipsburg Jubilee Library**

Dear Honorable Chairlady,

Please find the attached letter to be forwarded to the Honorable Minister of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, the Honorable Wycliff Smith in connection with the status of the Philipsburg Jubilee Library.

Thank you for your cooperation

Silveria Jacobs  
Member of Parliament  
National Alliance



Silveria E. Jacobs

## Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Minister of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs & Sports  
Honorable Wycliff Smith  
Government Administration Building  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

**Re: Status of the Philipsburg Jubilee Library**

Dear Minister Smith,

It is evident that the Philipsburg Jubilee Library (Library) is in dire need of reconstruction. We have also taken note, based on dialogue with representatives of the Library, that the Library has been removed from the priority list of the World Bank and ultimately that of the Government of St. Maarten.

Last Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, an on-air Laser Cares radio-thon was hosted at the Library where the general public and business community was encouraged to visit the Library to make a donation or make an online contribution to the rebuilding of the Library. While this is commendable, a more structural approach is needed to sustain this much needed institution on St. Maarten.

The goal of the radio-thon was to raise **USD 100,000.00** of which is needed to rebuild the facility. Without motivation needed, we know the importance of this facility and for that, much like the school, sports and arts facilities, the Library needs to be rebuilt and should be included on any funding list of government geared towards securing facilities to enhance literacy, and education of the population.

That said, you are hereby requested to provide a detailed plan of action of how Government intends to rebuild and/or assist with the rebuilding of the Library as well as the temporary housing needed during reconstruction. In the interim, there are vacant locations on the island that can be used as a temporary housing for the Library. For instance, mention has been made that the Super Plaza building will soon be vacated and made available for rent.

The priority of this matter should be escalated to high importance, seeing the conditions under which the library is currently functioning. Thus, we seek an immediate response to this letter of inquiry.

With kind regards,

Silveria Jacobs  
Member of Parliament  
National Alliance