



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of General Affairs  
Mr. W.V. Marlin  
p/a Council of Ministers  
**Philipsburg**

UV/213/2015-2016

Philipsburg, April 5, 2016

Re: Questions MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo

Hon. Minister Marlin,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mrs. Leona M. Marlin-Romeo 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

From The Desk of Independent Member of Parliament

*Leona Marlin-Romeo*

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To the President of Parliament  
Hon. MP Sarah Wescott-Williams

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Ref: Civil Registry Department

Honorable Madam President,

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, I sent a letter requesting an update on the abovementioned subject.

I figure the budget discussions, kept everyone otherwise occupied, and perhaps this is the reason why I have not received a response as yet. But now that the budget has passed, I would like to receive an update on the status of the Motion to ensure that a separate registry is created and steps are ongoing to have such executed.

Hoping to have informed sufficiently,

Respectfully,



MP Leona Marlin-Romeo, Independent Member

From The Desk of Independent Member of Parliament

*Leona Marlin-Romeo*

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To the President of Parliament,  
MP Sarah Wescot-Williams

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

On September 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 a motion was passed in Parliament requesting the Minister of General Affairs to ensure that a separate registry is created to accommodate the registry of births, marriages, deaths acknowledgements, name change and adoption, of persons registered in Sint Maarten but born, married or died outside of the island and to ensure

1. That the necessary laws will be amended to accommodate these groups of persons.
2. That Parliament will request the Minister to ensure that the Civil Registry Department is appointed the entity that registers the foreign personal documents, so that these individuals will be able to acquire an official copy of their birth certificate, marriage certificate or death certificate.
3. That Parliament will request the Minister of General Affairs to ensure that the integral copies are recognized as an official government issued document.

I would like to receive a follow-up on the said request, especially in light of the budget 2016 discussion that is soon to be tabled.



MP Leona Marlin-Romeo



## Draft MOTION no 5

The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its public meeting of today September 17, 2015

Considering:

- There is a population of 5704 registered Dutch citizens born within the Kingdom, namely Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, Statia, and the Netherlands;
- That there is a population of 24621 registered persons born outside of St. Maarten;
- That the aforementioned individuals require personal documents that will be used while living on Sint Maarten for administrative purposes, namely, birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, acknowledgements, name change certificates and adoption;
- That the aforementioned groups are confronted by various entities and are instructed to obtain original personal documents for various administrative processes;
- That there is a possibility to better accommodate these individuals by creating a separate registry, namely an Integral Copy Registry for those persons born outside of Sint Maarten;
- That the Integral Copy Registry will generate extra funding for the treasury of Sint Maarten in addition to allowing the Civil Registry Department the possibility to destroy acknowledgements and name change certificates after 18 months as stipulated by law.
- That this specific group would no longer have to request and pay for the said documents in the country of origin, as the original document will be registered in the Integral Copy Registry;
- That once the original documents source documents are registered in the Integral Copy Registry, a copy of the original document will become a new official product to be used for administrative purposes.

Resolves:

That this Parliament requests the Minister of General Affairs, to ensure that a separate registry is created to accommodate the registry of births, marriages, deaths acknowledgements, name change and adoption, of persons registered in Sint Maarten but born, married or died outside of the island and to ensure

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And this goes over to the order of the day.

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**STATEN VAN SINT MAARTEN**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2015, Public Meeting no. 02**  
**Voting list**

Motion no 5 agenda point 3

NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	Lloyd J. Richardson, MD		
2.	Kerna M. Martin-Romeo		
3.	Sarah A. Kerst-Willemis		
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9.	Christophe T. Emmanuel		
10.	Theodore E. Keyling		
11.	Willem V. Marin		
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