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To the Hon. Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication
Mr. S.A. Johnson
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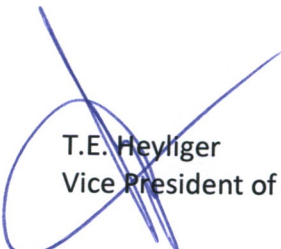
Re: Questions from MP C.A.H. Peterson pertaining to the agenda point of Central Committee meeting no. 17, concerning the financing proposal for the reconstruction of Sint Maarten's Princess Juliana International Airport

Hon. Minister Johnson,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. Claude A.H. Peterson 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,


T.E. Heyliger
Vice President of Parliament

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MP. Claude "Chacho" Peterson

**Member of the Parliament of
Sint Maarten**

**Chairlady of Parliament
Sarah Wescott-Williams**

Philipsburg, February 6th, 2019

Subject: Questions to the Minister of TEATT pertaining to CC #17 Minister L. Marlin and Minister S. Johnson on February 4th, 2019 at 16:00hr.

Honorable President,

Pursuant to the Parliamentary meeting CC # 17 of yesterday February 4th, 2019 at 16:00hr Second Round. I herewith officially submit the questions that were presented during the meeting, together with the remaining questions that also make part of my list of questions.

Please find enclosed the list of questions I have for the Minister of TEATT - Stuart Johnson. Unfortunately I was not able to read all but here are the questions. I think the people deserve to know:

- 1) What is the current flight arrival numbers and frequency of flights before Hurricane Irma and since Hurricane Irma? Can we please get these numbers according to which regional markets they originate from.
- 2) What was the total amount of passenger traffic at Airport in 2016, 2017 and 2018 per country? What percentage of the total passenger traffic is to and from the US Market?
- 3) What is the maximum yearly passenger carrying capacity of the Airport?
- 4) What is the proposed start date for Package 2 of the airport's restoration plans?
- 5) What is the exact timeline, once it commences, for the Package 2 works?
- 6) What measures are being or have been put in place by PJIA to protect the airport for the upcoming Hurricane season in case we have another hurricane? How much is the square meter price for the new roof?
- 7) What is completion date for the roof repair? Will it be ready in time for the next Hurricane season? Has this new roof been designed to handle another Irma type hurricane?
- 8) What type of support would PJIAE require from the Royal Schiphol group? Financial? Construction expertise?

- 10) What is the current monthly burn rate of the airport? Has this decreased or increased?
- 11) Is the airport still running a negative cash flow? When will the numbers become good again?
- 12) What was the original cost to build the new terminal building in 2006? What is the reconstruction cost for the terminal post Irma?
- 13) Was the structure of the terminal building damaged in any way?
- 14) How much money was spent on the cleanup of the Airport post Irma? Can we get the list of contractors?

CFO:

- 15) Is the CFO actually working for the Ministry of Finance in Curacao? If yes since when?
- 16) Who authorized the CFO to take a 3 month leave of absence while the airport is such bad financial and operational state?
- 17) Has the CFO been collecting a salary from PJIA during his leave of absence? Has he also been collecting a salary from the Ministry of Finance over the same period? If yes is this allowed in his contract with PJIA?
- 18) Has the CFO resigned? If yes has the boards and the COM as shareholder received the official resignation?
- 19) If yes, has a new CFO been appointed?

US PRECLEARANCE:

- 20) Does PJIAE consider the US-Pre Clearance a priority?
- 21) Can PJIA negotiate for US Pre clearance without Government or does Government have to be involved in this agreement? If Government has a role, can we understand what are the procedures handled by PJIA and what are the procedures handled by Government?
- 22) Which Ministries would be involved with SXM attaining US Pre Clearance?
- 23) Has there been a cost benefit analysis or any type of study done for pre clearance by PJIA or Government? If yes, can Parliament please get a copy these?
- 24) What is the total start up cost of having US preclearance? Can Sxm or PJIA afford it at this point?
- 25) What are the yearly operational costs involved with having US preclearance?
- 26) How many US staff will be needed for US Preclearance??
- 27) Who is responsible for paying the US staff which will be stationed in Sxm?
- 28) Will Sxm have to provide housing and schooling for the kids of these staff members?
- 29) Will these US staff benefit from any type of tax exemptions?


- 30) Does Sxm have to revisit any international treaties in order to attain US preclearance? If yes will this require the involvement of the Kingdom Government?
- 31) Can the US conditions Pre Clearance fit in the current Airport Building?

WORLD BANK:

- 32) As part of this financing option, one of the conditions put forward was the integrity screening of Supervisory Board members and Management Board members of both PJIA Holding and PJIAE Operations. Has this screening started?
- 33) Has the government transferred the first tranche of 5 M USD to the Airport already?
- 34) Is the Airport now out of default? Have Employee salaries for January been paid?
- 35) Does Airport have money to cover salaries for February? If NO, what measures are being taken by both the Shareholder and PJIA?
- 36) What is the status of the 15M bridge loan of the airport, Has Government completed negotiations?
- 37) Has the Government discussed the possibility of getting a better interest rate from the EIB which is now at 4.5%?
- 38) Has PJIA presented the COM as shareholder with any other financing options from Piper Jaffray? If yes can we know what are the terms and conditions?
- 39) Did the COM try to meet with the Bon holders?
- 40) Why did the Bondholders put a hold on the insurance money
- 41) Why are Bond Holders holding the Nagico insurance money? Is this due to a lack of confidence in the Airport Management right after Irma or lack of confidence in the present Board?
- 42) Can a list be provided of the Contractors that have been hired to work at the PJIA Post IRMA to date.

I look forward to a prompt reply to my questions.

Respectfully yours,



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Member of Parliament
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