



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs,  
Transport and Telecommunications

Ms. I. Arrindell

Mr. p/a Council of Ministers

**Philipsburg**

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Philipsburg, April 29, 2016

Re: Question from MP L.M. Marlin-Romeo

Hon. Minister Arrindell,

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,

G. C. Pantophlet

Vice-President of Parliament

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From The Desk of Independent Member of Parliament  
Leona Marlin-Romeo

To the President of Parliament  
Sarah Wescott-Williams  
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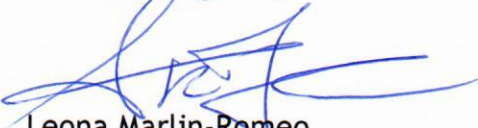
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

On Saturday, April 23rd the stakeholders of the SMART Annual Regional Trade show announced to the general public via a publication that the trade show is postponed. This has prompted my person to query through the president of parliament the following questions to the Minister of TEATT, a contributor/ stakeholder of the annual event.

1. Logical challenges - timing conflicts that negatively affect the registration numbers were given as the reasons for the postponement however, for an annual event of this caliber, this seems to be such a subtle excuse for such an important trade show. Does the minister know what caused or what were the logical challenges and what exactly caused the "timing conflict"? Was there away the Minister could of intervened in order for the trade show to continue?
2. Considering the importance of this annual trade show, and its impact on marketing Sint. Maarten, was the minister informed about the new date of the trade show?
3. Will the ministry be included in any future plans of marketing the SMART annual trade show and are there any plans to combine the marketing of Sint Maarten with the Harbor, Airport, SMART and the Ministry of Tourism?
4. What are the short term and long term plans of the Tourist Office?
5. What became of the joint marketing agreement between Anguilla, Sint Maarten and Saint Martin?
6. Since the trade show has been postponed, is the minister aware or has the minister been informed about how much revenue is lost?
7. What is the Ministry's overall marketing plan for 2016?
8. The budget has passed, what is the current status of the relocation of the Tourist Office and the establishment of the Sint. Maarten Tourist Authority?

I look forward in receiving a prompt response to the aforementioned queries by May 9th 2016.

With kind regards,

  
Leona Marlin-Romeo  
Member of Parliament