



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication
Mr. S. Johnson
p/a Council of Ministers
Philipsburg

UV/274/2017-2018

Philipsburg, August 10, 2018

Re: Questions from MP S.A. Wescot-Williams regarding foundational changes to statutes St. Maarten Tourism Authority

Hon. Minister Johnson,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The Member of Parliament has requested for you to be invited to provide the answers to these questions verbally in accordance with article 69c of the Rules of Order. Therefore, I hereby invite you for a Public meeting (Question hour) to be held on Monday, August 27, 2018 from 10.00 – 11.00 hrs.

Yours truly,



S.A. Wescot-Williams
President of Parliament



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To:
Parliament of Sint Maarten
Attention: President of Parliament
Wilhelminastraat #1
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Philipsburg, August 6, 2018

Dear Honorable President of Parliament,

In accordance with article 69 and further of the Rules of Order, please find enclosed questions to be submitted to the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication, Hon. Stuart A. Johnson.

In accordance with article 69c of the Rules of Order, I request that said questions be answered orally, during the next question hour.

Respectfully,


Sarah A. Wescot-Williams
Member of Parliament (MP)



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Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication,
The Honorable Stuart A. Johnson

Philipsburg, August 6, 2018

Dear Minister:

In accordance with Article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament, I hereby submit the following questions.

1. What is true of the reports regarding foundational changes to the statutes of the St. Maarten Tourism Authority?
2. Is Government in favor of these changes?
3. If yes, why?
4. If Not, how will government reverse these attempts?

In accordance with article 69c of the Rules of Order, I request that said questions be answered orally, during the next question hour.

Respectfully,



Sarah A. Wescot-Williams
Member of Parliament of Sint Maarten



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To the Hon. Members of Parliament
Wilhelminastraat 1
Present

UV/249/2017-2018

Philipsburg, July 23, 2018

Re: Reminder Question hour

Hon. Members of Parliament,

By letter of March 6, 2018, UV/136/2017-2018, you were informed of the introduction of the "Question hour" as of March 19, 2018 as a result of the recent approved changes to the Rules of Order.

I hereby would like to remind you of the Question hour that can be scheduled biweekly on Mondays. If you would like to submit questions to be answered by a Minister during this session, please follow the procedure as outlined in the document attached taking the deadline into consideration.



S.A. Wescot-Williams
President of Parliament



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To the Hon. Members of Parliament
Wilhelminastraat 1
Present

UV/136/2017-2018

Philipsburg, March 6, 2018

Re: Question hour

Hon. Members of Parliament,

As you are aware, Parliament approved changes to the Rules of Order in order to introduce the so called "Question hour" in its meeting of December 13, 2017. These changes to the Rules of Order have recently been published in the Official Publication (Afkondigingsblad) and hence have gone into effect as of February 1, 2018.

I am pleased to inform you that the first Question hour will take place on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 10 am. If you would like to submit questions to be answered by a Minister during this session, please follow the procedure as outlined in the document attached taking the deadline into consideration.



S.A. Wescot-Williams
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Procedure Question Hour

- Question hour on **Mondays from 10 to 11 am (only meeting weeks);**
- Questions to be answered during question hour by the Minister can be submitted from Monday to Wednesday during the so called "reading week or non-meeting week". Deadline is **Wednesday at 5 pm;**
- During the aforementioned period the Member of Parliament submits questions to Parliament in accordance with article 69 and further of the Rules of Order. The Member of Parliament needs to specifically request that the questions submitted be answered orally in accordance with article 69c of the Rules of Order. The document containing the questions as submitted by the Member of Parliament is booked in as an incoming document (IS) and is processed as such;
- No later than **Thursday 10 am**, the President of Parliament decides on the sequence of the questions that will be answered during the question hour (article 69d, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Order);
- Seeing the fact that in theory all 15 Members can submit questions for the question hour, a selection needs to be made of which questions of which Member will be allowed for a particular question hour. To make sure the hour is not exceeded taking the maximum on speaking times into account as per article 69d of the Rules of Order, questions from 2 different Members are allowed to be answered each time. These Members are chosen based on date and time the questions were submitted to Parliament. If more Members submit questions, these questions will be scheduled to be answered during the next Question hour. In that case the President will ask the Members if their questions are still relevant and if answering is still necessary;
- The relevant Minister is invited by letter (UV) along with the questions posed by the Member of Parliament no later than **Thursday 12 pm** after which the follow up by the staff will take place;
- The convocation for the Question hour (Public meeting) will be sent out by **Thursday the latest;**
- If the relevant Minister agrees to answer the questions verbally, the Question hour will take place as scheduled on Monday. The Public meeting will commence and the Member of Parliament will get the opportunity to read his/her questions as submitted for a maximum of 2 minutes (article 69, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Order);
- The Minister is then given the opportunity to answer the questions for a maximum of 2 minutes (article 69, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Order);
- The Member of Parliament is then given the opportunity once more to ask additional questions for a maximum of 2 minutes (article 69, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Order);
- The Minister is given 1 minute to answer each question (article 69, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Order);
- The President then can allow other Members of Parliament to ask questions for a maximum of 1 minute per question about the same topic (article 69, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Order);
- The Minister is given 1 minute to answer each question (article 69, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Order);
- During the Question hour no permission can be asked to hold an interpellation nor can motions be submitted;