



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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

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Philipsburg, September 3, 2018

Re: Questions from MP T.E. Leonard regarding status repairs hotels, room occupancy etc.

Hon. Minister Johnson,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Ms. Tamara E. Leonard 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

Tamara E. Leonard

Member of Parliament

Chairlady of Parliament
Sarah Wescott-Williams
Present

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Subject: Questions to the Minister of TEATT pertaining to the status of repairs of hotels, room occupancy level, etc.

Honorable President,

As our country is preparing for its first “regular” high season after the passing of Hurricane Irma, I think it would be prudent for Parliament to have some clarity as to where our Hotel Industry (in particular, but also our entire tourism sector) stand(s) 12 months Post Irma.

The Hotel Industry forms a critical component of our tourism product. Hotels contribute to the overall tourism experience through the standards of facilities and services offered by them. Now more than ever we need our hotels to function on the highest customer service level.

Madam President, I have also taken note of different hotels selling some of their studio’s, one and or two bedrooms. I think it is critical for Parliament to have an overall understanding as to how these hotels stand financially as their financial wellbeing as businesses play an important role in our economy, causing all sorts of domino effects.

Therefore Madam President, the following questions are directed to the Minister of TEATT:

- 1) Does the Tourism Industry expect a significant increase in stay over tourism this high season?
- 2) Percentage wise, compared to previous years what numbers is the Ministry expecting this season where it pertains to stay over tourism?
- 3) How many extra flights do we expect by November 1st 2018 from the US?
- 4) How many hotels have reopened since the passing of Hurricane Irma?
- 5) How much is this percentage wise?
- 6) Which hotels are yet to reopen?
- 7) When do these hotels expect to reopen?



- 8) Has West Inn provided any indication as to when the hotel would reopen?
- 9) How many hotels expect at least 75% of its rooms to be operational by November 1st 2018?
- 10) Will PJIA be able to accommodate an increase in passengers by November 1st 2018?
- 11) Can the Minister provide an overview as to the number of rooms (per hotel) that have either been sold, or is currently for sale?
- 12) What is the Minister's take on this development?

**I look forward to a prompt, yet comprehensive and clean response to my questions.
Respectfully,**

Ms. Pamela E. Leonard,
Member of Parliament

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