



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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To the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
Mr. W.S. Smith
Administration Building
Clem Labega Square
Philipsburg

UV/328/2018-2019

Philipsburg, May 28, 2019


Re: Request from MP S.E. Jacobs about draft Child Protection Protocol

Hon. Minister Smith,

Herewith I submit to you a request from Member of Parliament, Ms. S.E. Jacobs 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



Silveria E. Jacobs

Member of the Parliament of
Sint Maarten

To President of Parliament
Mrs. Sarah Wescot-William
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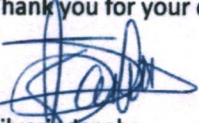
May 22, 2019

Re: Draft Child Protection Protocol

Dear Honorable Chairlady,

Please find the attached letters to be forwarded to the Honorable Minister of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, the Honorable Wycliff Smith and the Minister of Justice, the Honorable V.H. C. de Weever in connection with the status of the draft Child Protection Protocol.

Thank you for your cooperation


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22 May 2019

To: the Honorable Minister of Justice
Mr. V.H. C. de Weever
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Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Re: Child Protection Protocol

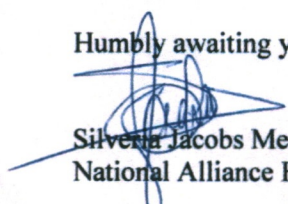
Honorable Minister of Justice,

As a follow-up to your visit to Parliament on May 3rd, 2019, where much was discussed on the lack of a sexual harassment and molestation law, **I hereby request to receive in writing a copy of the draft Child Protection Protocol** which was jointly being worked on by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport (*Youth Department & Student Support Services Division*) and the Ministry of Justice (*Court of Guardianship*).

As previously expressed during that meeting, this topic is very near and dear to me and I have done extensive research with members of the police force and others in the legal field to secure as much data regarding the current law(s) or lack thereof, as it relates to the subject matter. It is clear that the laws are very limited in the ability to really penalize offenders especially to children and the female gender specifically.

You promised to return to Parliament since May 17th, 2019, which has elapsed in the meantime. **Please inform when you will return to Parliament to respond to the relevant questions of the Honorable Members of Parliament and update top the proposed changes in the Penal Code as related to the subject matter.**

Humbly awaiting your response, I remain,


Silveria Jacobs Member of Parliament
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