



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

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## Staten van Sint Maarten

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

UV/395/2018-2019

Philipsburg, August 14, 2019

Re: Questions from MP T.E. Leonard regarding school meal program/pilot

Hon. Minister Smith,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Ms. T.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

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Tamara Leonard

## Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

Mr. W. Smith  
Honorable Minister of Education  
Government of St. Maarten  
Pond Island

Philipsburg, Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

Subject: school meal Program project/pilot,

Honorable Chairlady,

Recently Government's 2019 budget was approved in Parliament. This budget was approved with a budget amendment for a pilot meal program for public schools for the first half of the 2019-2020 school year.

By means of this letter I would like to enquire from the Honorable Minister of Education if any preparations have been made since the approval of the budget to execute this pilot program. More specifically I would like to request answers to the following questions:

- 1) Will this pilot program start simultaneously with the start of the new school year?
- 2) Has the schools been contacted to provide the relevant information or the Division of Public Education already have this information for all its Public schools?
- 3) Will a committee consisting of persons representing the schools and government spearhead this pilot program, or will this pilot program be spearheaded by only representatives of the Ministry?
- 4) Has a plan already been put in place to not only execute this meal program but also evaluate the need, cost and efficiency of such such a program looking at the fact that the Ministry of Finance is currently preparing the 2020 budget?

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

Respectfully,

Ms. Tamara E. Leonard  
Member of Parliament