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National Ordinance establishing the annual accounts of Sint Maarten for the service year 2014 (National Ordinance annual accounts 2014)

Report No. 5

Parliament in its meeting of the Central Committee has exchanged views with the Government on the Draft National Ordinance establishing the accounts of Sint Maarten for the service year 2014.

Parliament considers the present draft to be sufficiently prepared if the questions asked below are answered in time for the public meeting so that the draft can be discussed in a public meeting.

The United Sint Maarten Party Faction has taken note with interest of the draft. The faction notes that there are a lot of similarities in terms of remarks to the financial statements of 2013. From the financial statements you can assess if there are overruns of the budget. When confronted with a overrun, how does the Ministry handle that? If a particular Ministry has an overrun in expenses, how is that handled? In the structure of our Government, what is it that is done? Based on the report, the impression is that the overruns were discovered after the fact. How collectable does the Ministry of Finance see study financing repayments? Is it a realistic collectable debt? In the anticipation of receiving the 2015, 2016 and 2017 statements, are we going to continue to see a trend where in actuality the Government was hoping to collect 60 million guilders in study financing but it turns out that that figure is realistically actually much less?

This report is to be considered as Final Report.

Stipulated in the meeting of the Central Committee of October 25, 2018.

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