



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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To the Hon. Minister of Justice
Mr. E.J. Doran
Administration Building
Clem Labega Square
Philipsburg

UV/104/2019-2020

Philipsburg, November 19, 2019

Re: Questions from MP C.A.H. Peterson regarding Point Blanche Prison

Hon. Minister Doran,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. C.A.H. Peterson 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,

W.V. Marlin
Chairman of Parliament



Claude "Chacho" Peterson

Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

**To: the President of Parliament
Mr. William Marlin
Sint Maarten**

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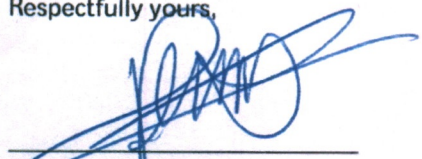
Subject: Questions to the interim Minister of Justice.

Dear President of Parliament,

I would like to send the attached questions to the Minister of Justice concerning various issues at the Pointe Blanche Prison, that I would like to receive further insight on as a Member of Parliament. I would like to receive the responses in writing and to be answered orally in a question hour in accordance with article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this and trust that this will be handled with urgency.

Respectfully yours,



Claude "Chacho" Peterson
Member of Parliament
SMCP Faction



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Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

**To: the interim Minister of Justice
Sint Maarten**

Philipsburg, November 18, 2019

Subject: Questions to the Interim Minister of Justice

Dear Minister,

In my oversight role as a Member of Parliament, I pose the following questions to you with the aim of gaining further insight on the state of affairs at the Pointe Blanche prison.

Questions:

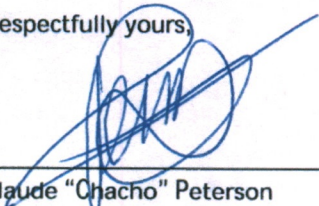
1. What is the status of the Pointe Blanche Prison facility reconstruction?
2. Is there a plan to build a new prison? Where will the funding come from?
3. What are the plans to deal with the unacceptable inhumane conditions at the Pointe Blanche Prison?
4. What is the status of the container cells??
5. Why is KPSM using the VKS as an almost permanent solution as prison guards, yet VKS workers are not privy to the same compensation as regular prison guards but face the same dangers work the same hours sometimes even more?
6. Being a voluntary force, how is Government compensating these officers?
7. How much are they compensated per hour? Do they have medical insurance in case of accident or injury at the prison?

8. Have all VKS officers been paid up to date for their hours worked at the Prison? Who tracks the hours VKS officers work at the prison?

I would like to receive the responses to the above questions in writing and to be answered orally in a question hour in accordance with article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament.

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Respectfully yours,



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