



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Prime Minister
Ms. S.E. Jacobs
Administration Building
Clem Labega Square
Philipsburg

UV/177/2019-2020

Philipsburg, February 12, 2020

Re: Questions from MP S.A. Wescot-Williams regarding ship jumping

Hon. Prime Minister Jacobs,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mrs. S.A. Wescot-Williams 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,

R. Brison
President of Parliament



Sarah A. Wescot-Williams

Member of Parliament Sint Maarten

To:
Parliament of Sint Maarten
Attention: President of Parliament
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Philipsburg, February 10, 2020

Dear Honorable President of Parliament,

I hereby submit to you questions directed to Prime Minister, Honorable Silveria Jacobs, regarding Electoral Reform - "Ship Jumping".

I kindly ask that these be forwarded.

Respectfully,


Sarah A. Wescot-Williams,
Member of Parliament
United Democratic Party



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Prime Minister of Sint Maarten
Honorable Silveria Jacobs
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, February 10, 2020

Ref: "Ship Jumping"

Honorable Prime Minister Jacobs,

The Parliament of Sint Maarten is in possession of the proposal by former Prime Minister (now President of Parliament) regarding curbing the phenomenon commonly referred to as "Ship Jumping".

Both Council of Advice and the Kingdom Government rejected this proposal. Upon request of the then Prime Minister William Martin, Dr. Rutsel J. Martha, LL.M advised on the proposal and in essence concurred with the positions of the Council of Advice and the Kingdom Council of Ministers.

Dr. Martha in 2016 made a counter proposal for the consideration of the Government of St. Maarten. This proposal suggests further legislation with regard to the "no confidence" rule by formalizing/notarizing the Government agreement between parties (see attached).

- Does the Government agree (in principle) with this proposal?
- Does Government have any (other) proposal to curb the phenomenon of "ship jumping" that does not contravene the constitution, or regarding electoral reform in general ?
- How urgent does the Government consider the matter of Electoral Reform? What is the Government plan of approach for same?

I look forward to your response.


Respectfully,

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