



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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To the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor
Mrs. P. Gordon-Carty
Administration Building
Clem Labega Square
Philipsburg

UV/180/2019-2020

Philipsburg, February 12, 2020

Re: Questions from MP S.A. Wescot-Williams regarding minimum wage ordinance

Hon. Minister Gordon-Carty,

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 Minister of Health, Labour & Social Affairs (VSA)
Honorable Pamela Gordon-Carty regarding the Minimum Wage Ordinance.

I kindly ask that these be forwarded.

Respectfully


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



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Member of Parliament Sint Maarten

Minister of Health, Labour & Social Affairs (VSA)
Honorable Pamela Gordon-Carty
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, February 10th, 2020

Ref: Minimum Wage Ordinance

Honorable Minister Gordon-Carty,

For the past two years, the minimum wage has not been indexed, due to numerous reasons. In 2018 hurricane Irma and in 2019 due to unavailability of the CPI. St. Maarten's real GDP expanded by 5.5% in 2019 (CBCS estimate).

At present, the Minimum Wage in St. Maarten is lower than the other former Netherlands Antilles islands and Aruba.

- Will Government/Ministry index the minimum wage in 2020 if the CPI warrants such? If not, why not?
- Does the Government/Minister consider the age differentiation in the minimum wage conducive to youth employment, yes or no?
- If not, will Government consider undoing the age differentiation?

Sincerely,

Sarah A. Wescot-Williams,
Member of Parliament
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