



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure  
Mr. C.L. Wever  
Administration Building  
Clem Labega Square  
**Philipsburg**

UV/205/2019-2020

Philipsburg, February 28, 2020

Re: Questions from MP R.A. Peterson regarding building permits, long lease etc.

Hon. Minister Wever,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. R.A. 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.

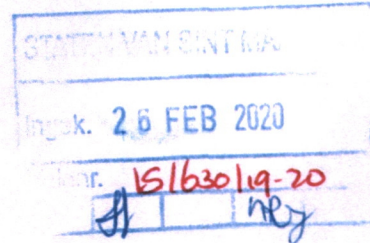
Yours truly,

R. Brison  
President of Parliament





Raeyhon Peterson  
Member of the Parliament of  
Sint Maarten



To:  
Parliament of Sint Maarten  
Attention: Honorable President of Parliament Rolando Brison  
Wilhelminastraat #1  
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Honorable President of Parliament,

I hereby submit to you questions directed to the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure (VROMI) Honorable Christopher Wever.

I kindly ask for these to be forwarded.

Respectfully,

26/2/2020

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Honorable Christopher Wever  
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Philipsburg, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

Honorable Minister Wever,

The current Council of Ministers has a caretaker status, which according to the verdict of the court in First Instance of 31 May 2017, case number: AR 2016/29, means that the Minister has to be reserved in decision making throughout this period of caretaker status. In light of transparency, I have the following questions.

1. How many building permits have been issued by the Minister of VROMI from November 2019 through to February 2020 and what has been the resulting revenue throughout this same period?
2. Given the fact that there are citizens with requests regarding long lease land that are outstanding for over ten years, what are the plans of the Minister and Policy department of VROMI to address the lack of a policy on the issuance of long lease land?
3. In the past we have seen several Ministers of VROMI issue questionable instructions through the last months of their tenure, while they were in a caretaker status. Some of these cases have reached the courts. In light of transparency, and given the caretaker status of the Minister, have there been any instructions for cases to be prioritized given to the department of Domain Affairs through the months of November 2019 to February 2020 to issue long lease land to specific persons? If so, what is the reason for the urgency of the instruction and who are the proposed recipients of long lease land and where are these parcels located?
4. In the past, when a Minister is leaving office at the end of his tenure, there have been several attempts to place (non-civil servant) cabinet members in the departments within the Ministry, without going through the regular interview procedure. In light of transparency, are there any plans to place current cabinet staff members in a department of the Ministry of VROMI? If so, are those individuals going to go through the normal interview process and have those vacancies been published so other persons who wish to apply can do so?

Given the caretaker status of the current Minister of VROMI I would appreciate if the answers can be given within a period of two (2) weeks.

Respectfully,

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