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To the Hon. Minister of Finance
Mr. A.M.R. Irion
Administration Building
Philipsburg

UV/252/2019-2020

Philipsburg, April 2, 2020

Re: Questions from MP M.D. Gumbs regarding Stimulus package

Hon. Minister Irion,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Ms. M.D. Gumbs 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

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Re: IS 720 dd 1apr2020 - Message (HTML)

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From: Melissa D. Gumbs
To: Nancy R. Gushard-Joubert
Cc: Rolando Omeon; Raeyhon A. Peterson
Subject: Re: IS 720 dd 1apr2020
Sent: Wed 4/1/2020 12:01 PM

Message: IS 720 dd 1apr2020 Answers questions to Minfin about Stimulus plan.pdf (2 MB) PFP Faction - COVID-19 Stimulus Package Questions (32 KB)

Good afternoon Nancy,

Regarding the attached, please note that the PFP faction has the following comments:

1. We would like further clarification from the Minister on question #4, regarding resource management. The question was pertaining more to the potential influx of administrative work with these programs and plans in place, and how the respective and responsible departments would handle them. I don't believe the EOC will be doing administrative work while also burdened with managing the crisis itself, so from a staffing perspective, what support will be implemented to mitigate this?
2. MP Peterson sent the attached email to the Minister separately and this is why it was perhaps not included in the Minister's document. We have therefore not received an answer on the question and would like the Minister's attention to it.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in relaying the above to the Minister.

Best regards,

Melissa D. Gumbs
Member of Parliament
PFP Faction

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Re: PFP Faction - COVID 19 Stimulus Package Questions - Message (HTML) (Read-Only)

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From: Raeyhon A. Peterson
 To: Arndt.Irion@parliament.gov.org
 Cc: Melissa D. Gumbs
 Subject: Re: PFP Faction - COVID 19 Stimulus Package Questions

Sent: Mon 3/30/2020 2:07 PM

Good afternoon Honorable Minister.

My apologies for this second email on the same topic. It's been brought to our attention some concerns of a particular group in light of the stimulus package. I am referring to the bartenders and waiters in the Horeca. In many cases when working in a bar or restaurant, many employees receive a check for their monthly payment because of the ad hoc style of employing. Some employees don't have bank accounts (Dutch citizens). In light of the package I see that the goal is to get everybody some compensation, along the lines of the principle of equality.

We know i.e. of a bar/restaurant that two weeks ago told all employees to stay home with the exception of 2 kitchen staff members and two outside staff members, while the business employs more than 15 persons in total in a normal work week. These other staff members were told not to come until they were contacted (bar backs, cleaning staff et). Some businesses have already started laying off people.

Keeping that in mind we would like to suggest that perhaps through a joint venture with the Inspectorate TEATT, that a check be done by these businesses to confirm how many employees are actually working, to make sure that all get the proper compensation, and to prevent that employers abuse the system during this short term stimulus package plan. Just to make sure that some of the monies do not get lost in the wrong hands in the midst of all of this.

Kind regards,

Raeyhon Peterson, LL.M
 Member of Parliament
 Parliament of Sint Maarten

On Mar 30, 2020, at 1:26 PM, Melissa D. Gumbs <Melissa.Gumbs@ssm.parliament.org> wrote:

Good afternoon, Honorable Minister Irion,

Please see attached the questions and feedback of the PFP faction, regarding the draft stimulus plan that was sent to Parliament last week. It would appear that the email sent last Friday did not, in fact, send properly. Our apologies for the late submission of questions and we understand if they may be answered at a later time than in the meeting scheduled for 14:00 today.

Best regards,

Melissa D. Gumbs
 Member of Parliament

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