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To the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs
Ms. S.E. Jacobs
Administration Building
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, April 30, 2020

Re: Questions from MP C.A. Buncamper concerning military etc.

Hon. Prime Minister Jacobs,

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

Linette A. Gibs

From: Nancy R. Guishard-Joubert
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:58 AM
To: Linette A. Gibs
Cc: Ann A. Groen-Gumbs; Garrick J. Richardson; Valerie Brazier
Subject: FW: Questions 2 round

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From: Claudius Buncamper [mailto:cabuncamper@gmail.com]
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To: Nancy R. Guishard-Joubert; Janssen, Cassandra
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Let me thank my fellow colleagues MP's Wescott and Emmanuel for joining the plight for us to legalize the products of Marijuana in St. Maarten. The income will be much higher than the projected 7.5 million dollars per year based on the various country norms on market product taxes. I will continue with the preparation of the laws needed (copying the Aruba laws) moving forward.

Let me say publicly thank you for a well put together article by attorney at law Suhendra Leon entitled "Legal Insights: COVID-19 and Labor Law"

1. I heard the explanation of the Prime Minister about the military and marrachausse arriving on the island. What's worrying to me Mr. Chairman is that these people are landing here and ARE NOT going into quarantine but will start working on our streets. In Curacao and Aruba we had medical doctors and nurses from the USA that landed and then one tested positive there. All were sent back home. Are the arriving soldiers and police being tested or not and kept in quarantine as our policies dictate for 14 days or are they exempted from the rules? If yes why are we taking such risk?
2. This evening I heard the minister state that she is presently reviewing the change of the granting of the "certificate of good conduct" authority that was removed from the Public Prosecutors office and placed back by the Minister's office. Why would this be reviewed now? Madame Minister you stated that you already approved 9 of the 13 request since you took office using the authority placed by the minister.
3. Agriculturist Deniscio Wyatte has been fighting for years to legalize his parcel of land in St. Peters to plant his food and eventually to also get a building permit to build his home there. Especially in the these trying times it would only be justified that the land can finally be regulated and give him the opportunity to get water and electricity to plant food for the all of us. Can this happen within a month as all documents are at VROMI?
4. Rapid testing especially the testing of front line workers is a necessity. Can we at least use the rapid test method that is being proposed by MP Ottley for all our frontline workers seeing there's UK and USA approvals?
5. Are patients tested after they have recovered to confirm that they are completely COVID 19 free. I got information that once they have recovered they are released. They cannot be covid free. Its a virus. Antibody screening is what is needed and can be done by the rapid test proposed by MP Ottley. Will such be done with the necessary urgency?
6. Will the tenants of the SMHDF pay rent this month end or is an agreements going to be put in place now by government? I ask this as Government has some responsibility here.

7. Thursday April 30th is a public Holiday. Why are we opening that day and not Saturday as it will cost the businesses significant overtime?

In closing Mr. Chairman let me close with this statement. The incidents of today with the impromptu ouvert jump ups cannot be a reason to review the lockdown. These people are with each other all day be it in their neighborhood or on the blocks or wherever they are located. This country cannot and I will say this again cannot afford to continue this lockdown economically.

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