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To the Hon. Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure
Mr. E.J. Doran
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

UV/284/2019-2020

Philipsburg, May 12, 2020

Re: Questions from MP M.D. Gumbs and MP R.A. Peterson regarding agriculture

Hon. Minister Doran,

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



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President of Parliament
Parliament of St. Maarten
Wilhelminastraat 1
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Subject: Questions for Minister of VROMI

Dear Honorable President of Parliament:

Pursuant to article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament, we hereby request that you forward the attached questions to the Minister of VROMI, the Honorable Minister Egbert Jurendy Doran. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

Ms. Melissa D. Gumbs, M.I.B.
Member of Parliament
PFP Faction Leader

Mr. Raeyhon A. Peterson, LL.M
Member of Parliament



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Members of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

Sint Maarten, 12 May 2020

Minister Egbert J. Doran
Ministry of VROMI
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Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Honorable Minister Doran:

Following a debate of the TEATT Committee of Parliament over ways and means to stimulate the country's agricultural, husbandry and fishery industry, we have prepared the below questions related to the role the Ministry of VROMI plays in the future development of this sector. The primary need of farmers within the Caribbean region is space, more specifically, land. In considering how Government can support this industry and contribute to food security for the local community, our questions are as follows:

1. Have there been any requests filed by local farmers and/or fisheries for government land?
 - a. If so, how many have been received over the 2016 to 2020 period?
 - b. How many of said requests have been approved and had land allocated?
2. Regarding government land that has already been allocated:
 - a. What is the policy of government to provide approval to sublease government land for the purpose of agriculture, animal husbandry and/or fisheries, in the event a lessee makes such a request?
 - b. Have any such requests been received by lessees to sublease parcels of land to local farmers and/or fisheries?
 - i. If so, how many of these requests have been approved by the Ministry of VROMI?
3. Has the Ministry of VROMI investigated the possibility of allocating government land specifically for agricultural, husbandry and/or fishery pursuits?
 - a. If yes, what were the results of this investigation?
 - b. If not, have discussions taken place to execute such an investigation during this governing period?

Given the urgency of the matter, we would appreciate if the answers can be given by the Minister of VROMI within one week.

Respectfully,

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