



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor  
Mr. R. Panneflek  
Administration Building  
Clem Labega Square  
**Philipsburg**

UV/315/2019-2020

Philipsburg, June 3, 2020

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

Hon. Minister Panneflek,

By letter of February 12, 2020, UV/180/2019-2020, I submitted 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.

To date no answers were received by Parliament. By means of this letter I would like to remind you of said letter and request that the questions be answered as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

R. Brison  
President of Parliament



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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, St. Maarten

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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



# Sarah A. Wescot-Williams

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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  
United Democratic Party