



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

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

UV/016/2021-2022

Philipsburg, September 20, 2021

Re: Questions from MP C.T. Emmanuel regarding the FOGA housing project area

Hon. Minister Doran,

Herewith I submit to you questions from Member of Parliament, MP Mr. C.T. Emmanuel, according 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



Christophe Emmanuel

Member of the Parliament of  
Sint Maarten

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To the Chairman of Parliament  
Mr. Rolando Brison  
Wilhelminastraat 1  
Philipsburg

September 15, 2021

Re: FOGA Housing MIN VROMI

Dear Chairman,

Please find attached letters to be forwarded to the Honorable Minister of VROMI Egbert Doran, in connection with the area known as the FOGA Housing Project

Thank you for your Cooperation

Christophe Emmanuel  
Member of Parliament



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## Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

To: The Honorable Minister of VROMI  
Mr. Egbert Doran  
Government Administration Building  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten  
Dutch Caribbean

August September 15, 2021

Re: Area known as FOGA Housing Project area.

Dear Minister,

There is persistent unconfirmed reports and rumors surrounding the area in Philipsburg (Sucker Garden) known as the FOGA Housing Project area. In an effort to bring clarity to this long-standing situation, I would appreciate the answers to the following questions:

1. What were the original plans intended for development of the so-called FOGA Housing project area?
2. If this area was intended for homes, please explain what type of homes (low cost?) and how many homes?
3. Has any infrastructure preparation been carried out in the area in preparation for construction of the homes? If yes, what were the costs attached hereto and please explain these works. If not, please explain why not.
4. Is it still the intention of the Ministry of VROMI and/or the Minister to stick to the original intention for development?
5. Has the Ministry and/or the Minister of VROMI changed the plans for the FOGA area? If yes, please indicate how?
6. Is it the intention Minister of VROMI to re-locate the persons currently residing on the Philipsburg landfill (the dump) to the intended new homes at FOGA?
7. If yes, how many people does this involve? Are they legal residents? Was their current homes built legally on the landfill? What about citizens who have been waiting on the provision of affordable homes?

8. Is it the intention of the Ministry and/or the Minister of VROMI to pay these persons to re-locate to the tune of approximately US \$60,000 each. If yes, why and from where will government derive these funds?
9. If the answer to question 6 is yes, please indicate if the Council of Ministers have approved this decision and when.
10. If the answer to question 6 is yes, is it the intention to let the people who also operate businesses on the landfill, to do so at FOGA as well? Were these businesses operating legally on the landfill?

Looking forward to your reply with answers soonest

Thank you for your Cooperation



Christophe Emmanuel  
Member of Parliament