



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor  
Mr. O.E.C. Ottley  
Government Administration Building  
**Philipsburg**

UV/021/2021-2022

Philipsburg, September 28, 2021

Re: Questions from MP R. Brison regarding information concerning a national health levy on tourist

Hon. Minister Ottley,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, MP Mr. R. Brison, according to article 62 of the Constitution and Article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

Pursuant to article 69a of the Rules of Order, if you are unable to answer the questions within three weeks please notify my person stating the underlying reason. In doing so you can send the answers that you already have and answer the remaining questions in writing within (another period of) three weeks.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,

R. Brison  
President of Parliament



Rolando Brison

President of Parliament

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To:

The Hon. President of Parliament  
Mr. Rolando Bison  
Parliament of St. Maarten  
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**RE: Letter to the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Labor and Social Affairs, Mr. Omar Ottley**

Hon. President of Parliament,

Kindly receive the attached letter addressed to the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Labor and Social Affairs, Mr. Omar Ottley for further processing.

Sincerely,

Rolando Brison



Rolando Brison

## Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

Hon. Minister of Public Health, Labor and Social Affairs  
Omar Ottley  
Government Administration Building  
Philipsburg  
Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hon. Minister Ottley,

As you know, I am almost ready to present the National Health Levy on Tourists to Parliament. Having received some initial feedback from the Committee of VSA as well as the secretariat of Parliament, I do require some more information before I present this to the central Committee.

The following information is required as soon as possible:

1. Is there an agreement between the Government of St. Maarten and Providers for the Covid19 Protection Plan sold via the EHAS system? If so, can we get a copy of such agreement?
2. If not, please provide the following information
  - a. Who are the parties to the relationship with Government?
  - b. What services are provided to Government
  - c. What fees are paid for such services
3. Can a copy of the insurance policy be made available for review?
4. What proof of coverage is provided to customers of the sxm protection plan?
5. Who manages the St. Maarten EHAS system?
6. Is there an agreement for the development and management of the EHAS system? if so, can a copy of such agreement be made available?
7. Who owns the data generated by the EHAS system?
8. Where are the sites hosted?
9. Who manages the [sxmprotectionplan.com](http://sxmprotectionplan.com)
10. Where is the site hosted?

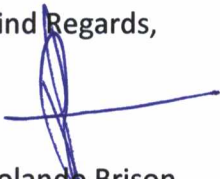


11. Is there an agreement with the Government? If so, please provide a copy of such? if not, how is the relationship managed
12. What are all the costs involved for such management of both the EHAS & SXM protection plan sites?
13. Is Government satisfied with the management of both systems?
14. If not, what are deficiencies that should be addressed?
15. Provide any additional that is deemed important related to the current EHAS?
16. The law will be giving you the mandate as minister to sign an agreement with the SZV for collecting the levy. Is the Minister already making steps to have a draft agreement in place in the event the law passes parliament?

Minister this information is requested from your person with urgency and completeness. As you know, every day that we do not have this law in place, is another day that our social insurance entity could have been collecting these much needed funds for the government. My goal is to have this law finalized by parliament and ready for you to sign the necessary agreements by November 1st, which is the start of the new season.

I trust to have informed you sufficiently and I look forward to receiving your feedback.

Kind Regards,



Rolando Brison