



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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

UV/030/2021-2022

Philipsburg, October 6, 2021

Re: Request from MP G.S. Heyliger-Marten regarding update on the progress of the SOAB audit and TelEm

Hon. Prime Minister,

Herewith I submit to you a request from Member of Parliament, MP Mrs. G.S. Heyliger-Marten, 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



Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten

Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

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Philipsburg, September 29th, 2021

Ref: letter for Hon. Prime Minister regarding SOAB audit at TELEM

Honorable Chairman,

Please find attached a letter addressed to the Hon. Prime Minister for your urgent attention.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten
Faction Leader UP faction, and Second Vice Chair of Parliament

Cc.: Mr. Garrick Richardson –Secretary-General of Parliament



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Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, September 29th, 2021

Ref: results of SOAB audit

Honorable Prime Minister,

It has been over a year since the employees of TELEM and the unions representing them expressed their grievances with the manner in which the company was being managed. During the discussions that took place at the time, I indicated to the employees and unions that I would await the outcome of the SOAB audit, before considering taking further action.

On June 3rd, 2021, I received an e-mail from your Cabinet related to the SOAB audit of TELEM. In the e-mail, the following was stated: "As it relates to the SOAB audit, once the Shareholder receives a copy from the Company, and is reviewed, a copy can be shared with the Honorable Members of Parliament. We kindly ask that an official request for such is sent to the Honorable Prime Minister." The employees and unions of TELEM have been waiting for more than a year now for their grievances to be addressed. Despite attempts by the CEO to engage the employees and unions when the conflict escalated last year, I still regularly receive complaints from employees about how the CEO is managing the company.

It is in the best interest of all parties involved that the SOAB audit is finalized and discussed as soon as possible. Having the report will hopefully give an objective overview of what the issues are that need to be addressed, and how to best address them. Based on the outcome of the audit, a number of issues can be put to rest.

Therefore, in accordance with the e-mail received from your Cabinet on June 3rd, 2021, I am hereby urgently requesting an update on the progress of the SOAB audit, and also officially requesting a copy of the audit documents as soon as they are available.

Sincerely,

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Faction Leader UP faction and Second Vice-Chair of Parliament

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