



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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To the Hon. Minister of Finance
Mr. A.M.R. Irion
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

UV/037/2021-2022

Philipsburg, October 6, 2021

Re: Questions from MP R. Brison regarding the budget 2021 and the draft budget 2022

Hon. Minister Irion,

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

Member of the Parliament of
Sint Maarten

To:

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

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Philipsburg, September 29th, 2021

RE: Letter to the Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ardwell Irion

Hon. President of Parliament,

Kindly receive the attached letter addressed to the Hon. Minister of Finance for further processing.

Sincerely,

Rolando Brison



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Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

Hon. Minister of Finance
Mr. Ardwell Irion
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg
Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, September 29th, 2021

Hon. Minister Irion,

I have been made aware that the 2022 budget is currently with the Council of Advice and that was indeed some exciting news to hear as it does appear at this current rate and trajectory we may be able to have the budget in Parliament before the end of 2021 and prior to the constitutional deadline of December 15th 2021.

In order to properly prepare, I would like to ask the following questions which you can update me and by extension the Members of Parliament in preparation for the budget debate:

Firstly, I would like to ask about the current budget 2021.

Can you provide an update on capital expenditures/

1. Does it still appear that the capital expenditures budget as approved by the Members of Parliament in June of this year and has now been ratified, does the Minister anticipate capital expenditure projects to be funded? If yes, please provide further details on those, if not please provide an explanation as to why not?
2. If the capital expenditures budgets are not approved or not able to be executed, does the Minister plan to carry these over into the 2022 budget?

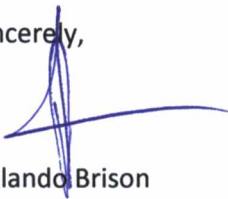
In terms of the 2022 Budget, the following questions:

1. Does the Hon. Minister has any feedback in terms of the way Parliament handled the last set of meetings? As you may recall Parliament had changed the format in such a way that the information provided by Members of Parliament was done in a specific order of Ministers. Any feedback in terms of the efficiency and effectiveness of the handling of the budget would be helpful for the Members of Parliament to be aware.
2. Can the Minister please outline in as much detail as possible, the steps and procedures required by the relevant departments and Ministries and their responsible Ministers to apply and have projects approved for capital expenditures? This would be helpful for the Members of Parliament when analyzing the 2022 budget.
3. In preparation for budget 2022, can the Minister indicate as we have had a slightly better year than the previous year 2020, in terms of the contributions that we can expect from the

government owned entities to the government coffers? As you know while the economy had done pretty bad in 2021 relative to previous years, the government is also experiencing its own financial difficulties. So I would appreciate if the Minister could give an account per Government owned entity/ZBO as to how much they will be contributing to the Government coffers directly or indirectly. This should include the Algemeen Pensionfonds SXM (APS), Bureau Telecomm. & Post (BTP), all Government owned companies and especially SLS which is 50% owned by the government of Sint Maarten and has certainly seen a huge increase in revenue due to the advent of the Corona Virus in 2020 and its continued advent in 2021, which has seen a huge rise in the number of PCR and Antigen tests being administered by this lab. Does the Minister has updated financials from SLS? What does the Minister plans to collect from the profits must have receive in 2020 and continues to receive in 2021.

I thank you once more and encourage you to keep up the good work for the people of Sint Maarten as we continue to work together as Parliament and the Ministry to improve our economy and our very important Tourism product.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rolando Brison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rolando Brison