



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication
Mr. R. Lawrence
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

UV/043/2021-2022

Philipsburg, October 13, 2021

Re: Request from MP G.S. Heyliger-Marten regarding a permanent Tariff-60 for senior citizens

Hon. Minister Lawrence,

Herewith I submit to you a request by Member of Parliament, MP 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

The Hon. Chairman of the Parliament of St. Maarten
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Philipsburg, October 5th, 2021

Ref: *Permanent Tariff-60 for senior citizens*

Honorable Chairman,

Please find attached a letter addressed to the Hon. Minister of TEATT Mr. Roger Lawrence for your 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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Honorable Minister,

Our beautiful nation St. Maarten was literally built on the backs of our fore fathers. From the salt trade to our present day Tourism. All can be traced back to our seniors.

Yet, today our seniors are often taken for granted. It is my hope that with your help we can implement a senior friendly program via the 100% Gov't owned company GEBE. Approximately 10 years ago the UP lead government required GEBE to implement a Senior relief subsidy. This was to eventually become a full-fledged tariff. That has never happened although GEBE has budgeted this relief annually.

I am hereby requesting that this subsidy be turned into a fixed tariff for seniors. The tariff can be called Tariff 60 for all citizens that are 60 and over. It can be given to all seniors place of residence. The tariff should encompass both electricity and water.

For your reference and consideration:

1. The electricity concession of July 12, 2010.

Article 12 of the concession on page 8: " Op grond van sociale overwegingen kan voor bepaalde

categorieën gebruikers van volledige toepassing van het principe van kostenorientatie worden afgewerkt. Daarbij kan worden gedacht aan lagere tarieven voor kleine gebruikers "

2. GEBE budget

Chapter 9, Page 20, Provision Pensioners. GEBE has already approved Naf 500,000 towards senior relief.

3. Pricing Ordinance of St.Maarten

The Ministry of Teatt has been the ministry in the past that implements and approves GEBE tariffs. This can also be traced back to the last tariffs that was conditionally approved on June 15,2011, number 793/11 using article 2 of said ordinance.

I do not see any reason that this request cannot be finalized before Christmas 2021.

I do hope that I have provided you with all the relevant information to make this initiative come true.

I am available for any further elucidation.

Sincerely,



Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten

Faction Leader UP faction, and Second Vice Chair of Parliament

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