

# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Justice  
Ms. A.E. Richardson  
Government Administration Building  
**Philipsburg**

UV/133/2020-2021

Philipsburg, February 9, 2021

Re: Questions from MP C.A. Buncamper regarding Anguilla boats entering Sint Maarten

Hon. Minister Samuel,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Members of Parliament, Mr. C.A. Buncamper, 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



# Claudius A. Buncamper BSc.

Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

Sint Maarten, February 8, 2021

President of Parliament  
Parliament of Sint Maarten  
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Subject: Questions for Minister of Justice.

Dear Honorable President of Parliament:

Pursuant to article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament, I hereby request that you forward the attached questions to the Minister of Justice, the Honorable Anna E. Richardson.

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

Claudius A. Buncamper  
Member of Parliament  
Faction Leader, United St. Maarten Party



# Claudius A. Buncamper BSc.

## Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

St. Maarten, February 8, 2021

The Minister Justice  
Honorable Anna E. Richardson,  
Government Administration Building,  
Soualiga Road # 1,  
Philipsburg,  
St. Maarten.

Anguilla Boats entering St. Maarten

Dear Minister;

It has come to my attention that boats registered in Anguilla are picking up and dropping off passengers at the pier in the Simpson Bay lagoon Airport ferry dock. The passengers are taken to Anguilla for stays at hotels and or rented homes. Under normal circumstances I would not have a problem with this, but while this is allowed to go on, the boats registered in St. Maarten and other boats are prohibited by Anguillan authorities from taking passengers to Anguilla or on day trips to the uninhabited islands around Anguilla, such as Prickle Pear, just to mention one.

If this is indeed the case, then in my opinion, this is considered to be a one sided and unfair practice, with country St. Maarten being at a disadvantage. In view of this alleged inequitable practice, I hereby submit the following concerns for your response.

- Is your ministry aware of this practice? If so, are there any plans to rectify it?
- Who authorized or permitted the Anguillan Boats to pick up and drop off passengers, destined to Anguilla, at the pier of the Simpson Bay lagoon Airport ferry dock, while St. Maarten boats are not allowed to do the same?
- Does country St. Maarten benefit from the revenues generated from these boat trips? If so, how?
- How long is this unfair practice intended to continue?
- To your knowledge, are there any other such activities taking place at any other locations?
- Has your ministry had any communications, or been in contact with the Anguillan authorities regarding the ongoing practices?
- Has your ministry been informed of any St. Maarten boatowner(s), or any other boatowner(s), who have been denied entry to Anguilla or to the uninhabited islands around Anguilla? If not can contact be sought with the Marine Industry.




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- To your knowledge, what role does the St. Maarten coastguards play in this particular matter?

I will await your reaction and response to the above questions.

Respectfully,



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