Philipsburg, January 30, 2019

Ref: Minister of Justice. Questions regarding JVO.

Dear Honorable President of Parliament:

Please find enclosed questions directed the Minister of Justice, the honorable V.H.C de Weever, in accordance with the Constitution of Sint Maarten and the Rules of Order of Parliament respectively.

I kindly request that these be forwarded to the Minister concerned, reminding the Minister of the 3 weeks period to provide the answers, as stipulated in the Rules of Order of Parliament.

Respectfully,

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Minister of Justice
Honorable V.H.C de Weever
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Philipsburg, January 30th 2019

Ref: JVO

Honorable Minister de Weever,

Reports coming out of the most recent “JVO” (meeting of four Justice Ministers of the Kingdom) are that agreements have been signed between the four Ministers in the area of RST cooperation and border control.

1. Can the Parliament be provided with these agreements?
2. How many of these four-party agreements currently exist in the area of Justice?
3. How do these impact the bilateral agreements between St. Maarten and the Netherlands in the area of justice?
4. How many bilateral agreements are there between the Netherlands and Aruba, Curacao or St. Maarten respectively?
5. Are the agreements mentioned under one tied to a defined period of time? If so, for how long?
6. Is there any cost involved?
7. How is the chain of command regulated?
8. What are the reporting mechanisms?
9. Is there any (Parliamentary) oversight built into these agreements?

I kindly look forward to your responses,

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah A. Wescot-Williams
Member of Parliament