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Ref: Questions to the Minister of TEATT in regards to KITLV Survey and alleged fraud

Dear President of Parliament,

Kindly find enclosed questions directed to the Minister of TEATT regarding the KITLV survey and alleged fraud by interviewers hired via the STAT department.

Please forward these to the Minister concerned with the usual expediency.

Respectfully yours,


MP Sarah Wescot-Williams



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To Minister of TEATT
The Honorable Ingrid Arrindell
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

Philipsburg, April 11, 2016

Dear Minister Arrindell,

It is with some dismay that I am following the reports regarding the KITLV survey and the reported "fraud" as far as the interviews on St. Maarten were concerned. This alleged fraud has now been corroborated by an independent third person.

It has also been reported that the interviewers were hired via STAT as "seasoned interviewers". The reports further indicate that our STAT director and the researchers (Oostindie and Veenendaal) agreed to a third party carrying out an independent check.

Before offering a suggestion in connection with this unfortunate discredit to our country, I would like to know the following:

1. From the side of STAT, will any action be taken; can any action be taken?
2. Is it STAT's intention to revisit previous surveys done on St. Maarten by (some of) these interviewers, such as the population census or any other survey?

I think that at this stage it is important that St. Maarten too gets an indication how persons view and feel about the new constitutional status.

Such a survey should however be combined with other socio-political questions that can provide an impression of the general sentiments of the population.

I look forward to your prompt response to these questions and suggestion.

Looking forward to your speedy reply,

Respectfully yours,


MP Sarah Wescot-Williams