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To: MP Sarah Wescot-Williams
Parliament of Sint Maarten
Attention: President of Parliament
Wilhelminastraat #1
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Philipsburg, August 31, 2018

Dear Honorable President of Parliament,

I hereby submit to you questions directed to the Minister of Justice, regarding "CC 35 on Border Control" and kindly request that these be forwarded.

Respectfully,

Claude Peterson
Member of Parliament

QUESTIONS FOR CC 35, Friday, Aug. 31, 2018- 10:00 am

1. Can the MinJus indicate the dominant criminal activities in SXM and their impact on our community and rank them accordingly?

   Are these criminal activities related to border crossing criminal activities?

   If YES, Can the MinJus
   explain how stricter border control will be able to influence this pattern in a positive sense?

2. Can the MinJus indicate the number of staff per organization in the Justice Chain and the number as determined by their function book?

3. Can the MinJus indicate what measures have been taken to fill the existing vacancies per organization as soon as possible in terms of assistance, recruitment, and formal education and training?

4. Can the MinJus indicate per organization how many SXMers are momentarily following formal basic modules at the Police Academy in BONAIRE, at the Police Academy in CURACAO and the Police School in the Netherlands?

5. Can the MinJus indicate how many SXMers are studying at the Police Academy in Apeldoorn, NETH to qualify as Police Inspectors?

6. Can the MInJus indicate, how many SXMers are studying to become Verificateur for the Customs?

7. Can the MinJus indicate, how many SXMers are studying to become part of the Coastguard?

8. Can the MinJus indicate, how many SXMers have been enrolled in Militia training with the Dutch military so they can become a possible recruitment group for the Police, Coastguard etc?

9. Is SXM part of the ACTS? Is the MinJus of the same opinion that data driven policies and actions, and of course sufficient high quality personnel will determine the success of stricter border control?

If I am not mistaken, all Dutch personnel coming to assit in Sxm have to be appointed by the MinJus via Landsbesluit and given the necessary authority to act in accordance to the articles of Laws they have to execute. Given the bad record of the Ministry of Justice in executing personnel affairs.

10. What guarantee can the MinJus give that as soon as the Dutch assistance personnel arrive in SXM they will be given their LandsBesluit?

11. Who will be paying for this Dutch assistance?

12. Will the Ministry use the time these Dutch officers are in Sxm to recruit new officers and train our own officers to be able to handle our own affairs?

13. How long will this Dutch assistance be in SXM? Will this time be long enough to recruit and train our own personnel?