



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of General Affairs
Mr. W.V. Marlin
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, November 30, 2015

Re: Questions posed by MP Leona M. Marlin-Romeo

Hon. Minister Marlin,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mrs. Leona M. Marlin-Romeo pursuant 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.



S.A. Wescot-Williams
President of Parliament

From The Desk of Independent Member of Parliament

Leona Marlin-Romeo

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To the President of Parliament of Sint Maarten
Sarah Wescot-Williams

Whether elections are held or not, there is a need for a thorough reformation/revamping of our laws. We cannot concentrate only one or two specific areas. The following areas must also be addressed:

1. Lack of Synchronization with the Constitution and the Electoral Laws
2. Accurate Data on the Voting Populations (conflicting results from the Civil Registry and Statistics Department)
3. New laws to accommodate the expansion of the seats in Parliament based on the registered population which stands almost to 60,000. (Article 45. Constitution)
4. Insufficient space and places for Polling Stations
5. Article 50 of the Constitution that allows Parliamentarians to remain in their seats even though they are under investigation or have been found guilty to a certain degree.
6. The appointment of Ministers
7. The ability to allow students living in the Dutch kingdom the opportunity to vote. (initiative law is at the Council of Advice)
8. The need to create a separate voting registry system, allowing Dutch Sint Maartener's living on French Saint Martin the opportunity to vote without being registered in the Basic Administration System, which corrupts the data.
9. The need to screen candidates being placed on lists.

Mdme. President there is a need for an Academic Debate on Electoral Reform, where we can have the opportunity to evaluate and ultimately debate what is best for Sint Maarten. I would like to request through the President of Parliament the feedback/recommendations of the Main Voting Bureau on the questions posed in Parliament on the areas that needed improvement from the August 29th 2015 elections. The Main Voting Bureau is accountable to the Minister of General Affairs and therefore this information should be available from the Minister. I look forward in receiving the requested information.


With kind regards,

MP Leona Marlin-Romeo