

Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Justice a.i. Mr. R. Gibson Government Administration Building Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, January 12, 2016

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

Hon. Minister Gibson,

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

To the President of Parliament, MP Sarah Wescot-Williams



Monday, January 11, 2016

Pursuant to the presentation given in the IPKO meeting from the PJIAE group. I would like to request the answers to the following questions from the Minister of Justice, the questions are related to the both ports of entry to Sint Maarten namely the Airport and the Harbor.

- 1. What is the capability and capacity of the Border Management System?
- Will the system be using the APIS & EVISA system?
- 3. What are the procedures being used now and how secure is it in anticipation of the implementation of the new Border Management System?
- 4. Does the JRCC have a role or an agreement with the Immigration of Sint Maarten? (Joint Regional Communication Centre?
- 5. If not is it the intention of Sint Maarten to sign a protocol for a working relationship/partnership with the JRCC?
- 6. Does Sint Maarten create a watch list for persons entering and exiting the island?
- 7. Where does the information for the watch list derive from?
- 8. Is there any collaborations within the Ministries to contribute to a watch list?
- 9. What is the capacity of the Immigration office to practice Business Intelligence?
- 10. What happens with the information collected from the Border Management System, from both the current system and the system that will be implemented?
- 11. Do they look for patterns and trends? Are they trained for such?
- 12. If data is collected is it checked against the JRCC and or Interpol watch list?
- Is APIS currently being used at the PJIAE or Harbor? (Advanced Passenger Information System)
- 14. What is the role of the VDSM and the new Border Management System/Immigration?
- 15. How many persons and preferably locals are being trained to specialize in Business Intelligence/data collection and analysis?
- 16. Since the detection of the false passports at the Airport what is being done at the ports of entry to increase awareness on fraudulent documentation?

A response from the related minister would be most appreciated, especially in light of the recent Paris attacks and the false passports that were detected on the airport.

Yours truly.

MP Leona Marlid-Romeo