

## Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Minister of Finance Mr. M.J. Hassink c/o Administration Building Philipsburg

UV/144/2013-2014

Philipsburg, January 29, 2014

Re: Questions MP F.G. Richardson

Hon. Minister Hassink,

Herewith I submit to you questions by the Member of Parliament, Mr. Frans. G. Richardson, pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution of Sint Maarten and article 63 of the Rules of Order of Parliament.

The letter is self explanatory.

drs. G.R. Arrindell

President

## From the desk of Member of Parliament of St. Maarten Frans George Richardson Orchid Drive # 2

To the Minister of Finance The Honorable Martin Hassink Clem Labega Square Philipsburg PRESENT

Philipsburg, January 27, 2014

Re: Explosive situation at Tax Office-Vineyard Bldg.

Excellency:

Recent reports reaching my office suggest that there is a serious and potentially explosive labor relations issue brewing at the tax office.

Employees there are complaining about abusive and non-caring management, favoritism and other ills in the work place.

Needless to say, we cannot tolerate anything that would interfere with the morale and hence the performance of the workers at that critical department. The entire government operation hinges on the efficient collection of taxes. Anything that even remotely threatens the smooth functioning of the department therefore is of paramount importance.

As the Minister charged with responsibility for the tax department, I am hereby requesting your urgent intervention in order to prevent the situation from getting out of hand. I will appreciate hearing from you about the outcome of any such intervention.

Sincerely,

MP Frans Richardson