



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Finance
Mr. R. Gibson
p/a Council of Ministers
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, February 24, 2017

Re: Questions from MP F.A. Meyers regarding Pearl of China development

Hon. Minister Gibson,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. Franklin A. Meyers 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.

Yours truly,

drs. R.E. Samuel
Vice-President of Parliament



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The President of Parliament
Sarah A. Wescot-Willams
Present

Subject: Letter for Minister of Finance

Honorable President;

Via you Madame President I will like to pose the following Questions to the Minister of Finance, the Honorable Richardson Gibson Sr.

The Minister at a town hall session held at the University of St. Martin in September 2016 announced and stated the following: "We have struck the jackpot", with regards to the Pearl of China development.

During the groundbreaking ceremony held approximately two (2) weeks following the announcement of the project, that the \$120 million investment will yield 400 jobs for locals.

My questions to the Minister is as follows:

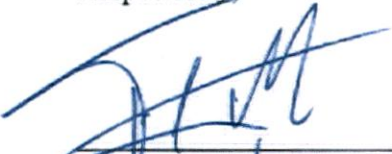
1. What is the status of the Pearl of China project?
2. Have the investors revoked their financing of the project?
3. If said development is still moving ahead, when is the actual construction expected to commence?
4. Are the plans that were initially discussed with the developer and Chinese Government, such as cheaper electricity options and "finding a water source" to boost agriculture still on the table?
5. Has The Pearl of Caribbean and China Global Trade Center recently met with the incumbent Council of Ministers?
6. If yes, when did this happen, and why was the public of Sint Maarten not made aware on the progress of the project?



7. Will the developers make a presentation to The Parliament of Sint Maarten prior to the start of construction?

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation, and looking forward to a favorable response, I remain,

Respectfully,



MP Franklin A. Meyers,
Faction Leader

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