



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs,  
Transport and Telecommunication  
Mr. T.E.C. Richardson  
c/o Administration Building  
**Philipsburg**

UV/177/2013-2014

Philipsburg, March 11, 2014

Re: Letter MP Johan E. Leonard

Hon. Minister Richardson,

Herewith I submit to you questions by the Member of Parliament, Mr. Johan E. Leonard, 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

*Johan E. Leonard*

Member of Parliament

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The Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport & Telecommunication  
Honorable Mr. Thaddeus Richardson  
Government Administration Building  
Present

Refnr: UP 14-003B  
Subject: Unlicensed tour operators on St. Maarten

Honorable Minister;

Greetings to you.

It has been recently brought to my attention that there are unlicensed tour operators operating on the island. Apparently these individuals come to the island and conduct tours for visitors without the necessary permits. This constitutes unfair competition to the local tour guides who need permits and pay taxes. These individuals appear to be operating from cruise ships.

I humbly request that you take the necessary steps to see that an immediate halt is put to these practices. I am prepared to meet with you to give you more information if you should so desire.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Johan E. Leonard  
Member of Parliament

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