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To the Hon. Minister of Health Care, Social Development and Labor a.i.
Mrs. R.A. Bourne-Gumbs
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, February 17, 2015

Re: Questions MP Leona M. Marlin-Romeo

Hon. Minister Bourne-Gumbs,

Herewith I submit to you questions by the Member of Parliament, Mrs. Leona M. Marlin-Romeo, pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution of Sint Maarten and article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament.

The letter is self-explanatory.

L.J. Richardson, MD
President of Parliament



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To the Chairman of Parliament
Honorable Member of Parliament Lloyd Richardson
Present

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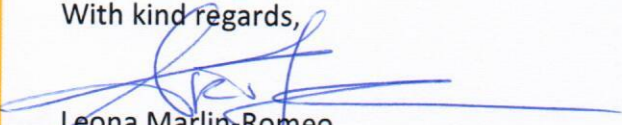
Through the Honorable President of Parliament I would like to request the following information and answers to the (SZV related) queries listed below from the responsible Minister.

1. What percentage of generic drugs are being used instead of brand name medication?
2. Is the quality and effectiveness of the medication compromised?
3. Has there been a comprehensive marketing/awareness plan on the usage of generic drugs for the general public?
4. Have there been any comparative studies on the usage of French brand-name medication instead of the Dutch/American/British brand name medication?
5. Is the French brand name medication cheaper than medication administered on Dutch Sint Maarten?
6. What is SZV and the ministers plans to introduce and implement preventive health care for the citizens of Sint Maarten?
7. Why is the travel stipends for medical referrals incompatible with the actual cost of travel accomodation?
8. How is this calculated? (q.6)
9. Will the travel stipends be increased for seniors and citizens that are in the lower income bracket?
10. What is the current plan of SZV to ensure that the citizens of Sint Maarten receive affordable health care from quality instituitions? (related to medical referrals)
11. What screening is done or preventative measures are in place for undocumented patients with pre-existing medical conditions?
12. What are the financial consequences for SZV and the Government of Sint Maarten for q.11?

The aforementioned queries are being posed to the respective minister as numerous complaints from senior citizens and citizens in the lower income bracket have been posed to this Member of Parliament. The aforementioned questions are being queried for further study.

Hoping to have informed sufficiently in this matter,

With kind regards,



Leona Marlin-Romeo
Independent Member of Parliament