

## Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the To the Minister of General Mrs. Wescott-Williams Government Administration Building Philipsburg

UV/196/2013-2014

Philipsburg, April 1, 2014

Re: Questions MP George C. Pantophlet

Hon. Minister Wescot-Williams,

Herewith I submit to you questions by the Member of Parliament, Mr. George C. Pantophlet, 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

drs. Gracita Arrindel

President of Parliament

Wilhelmina Straat #1

Philipsburg, St. Maarten

March 31, 2014

Dear President,



The Undersigned George Pantophlet Member of Parliament through you and in accordance with article 63.2 of the Constitution is requesting the following information from the Minister of General Affairs Sara Wescot-Williams;

- Is it so that persons from St. Maarten with Dutch Nationality residing in the United States are being removed from the civil registrar?
- 2. If this is true, are persons living on the French side and other surrounding islands also going to be removed from the civil registrar?
- 3. What laws are in place to support this action being taken by government?
- 4. How long has this law or regulation been in place?
- 5. When did government start this process?
- 6. What can be done to allow our students studying in the Netherlands to vote in St. Maarten elections seeing that European Dutch can vote for European elections, elections in Holland and also local elections?
- 7. What laws or regulations is government using to request naturalized persons who are renewing the Dutch passports to comply with presenting an authenticated birth certificate although these persons have been in possession of the Dutch Nationality for 10, 15 and some up to 20 years?
- 8. Do persons born in the former Netherlands Antilles Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius also have to comply with this?
- 9. Does this also apply to children of the former Netherlands Antilles who are born outside of the Kingdom of the Netherlands?
- 10. There are naturalized persons whose Dutch passports have been revoked when they apply for renewal, can I be provided with information on the amount of passports revoked the countries of birth and the reasons for such actions?
- 11. Do persons who are requesting renewal of their identity cards and drivers license also have to present an authenticated birth certificate prior to having it renewed?

Respectfully,