



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Justice
Mr. V.H.C. de Weever
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, August 10, 2018

Re: Questions from MP E.J. Doran regarding Bureau Unusual Transactions (MOT)

Hon. Minister de Weever,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. E.J. Doran 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,



S.A. Wescot-Williams
President of Parliament

August 6, 2018, 2018

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Honorable V. H. Cornelius De Weever
Minister of Justice
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Souligua Road # 1
Philipsburg,
Sint Maarten

Re: Bureau Unusual Financial Transactions (MOT) - St. Maarten

Dear Minister De Weever,

As a Member of Parliament, I have done some research to gain some insight on the operation and services the M.O.T provides for St. Maarten.

I have learned of a highly pertinent matter that needs the urgent attention of your person, the Council of Ministers, the Council of Advice and ultimately Parliament.

To my understanding, the M.O.T holds a very profound responsibility for St. Maarten on a global level where the monitoring of fraud, money laundering and terrorist financing are concerned. As a member of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, the latter has regulations that we as a country must adhere to in order to not suffer dire consequences that include being black-listed by the great bodies of supervision.

There are at least eight (8) draft laws that were presented to the Ministry of Justice and to date the laws remain pending. The first two that are expressed to be of immediate implementation are:

- 1. Landsverordening bestrijding witwassen en terrorismefinanciering*
- 2. Landsverordening Meldpunt Ongebruikelijke Transacties*


St. Maarten has already received a warning letter due to not having the necessary laws being implemented.

It is to this regard and at the highest level of urgency that I ask for an update on the pending laws.

By extension, within the near future, I will request your presence in Parliament to provide details of the status on the following laws and timelines to ensure St. Maarten is not negatively affected on the world front.

I look forward to your soonest response,

I remain,


Egbert J. Doran
Member of Parliament