Parliament of Sint Maarten
Statens van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Justice
Mr. D.L. Richardson
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, June 8, 2015

Re: Questions MP Sarah A. Wescot-Williams

Hon. Minister Richardson,

Herewith I submit to you questions by the Member of Parliament, Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, 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
Honorable Dr. Richardson, Chairperson of Parliament,

Close to 6 months ago, the Parliament of St. Maarten received (informally) a draft of a national ordinance to change the Civil Code and other ordinances in connection with labor agreements (or labor contracts). In this draft ordinance, an entire new title (Title 10, Labor Agreement) has been added in the Civil Code, to replace the current section in the Civil Code. (see for your reference IS/233, December 11, 2014.) The matter of abuse of the short term contract is also addressed in this change of the Civil Code, as are several other important labor matters that affect the workers of St. Maarten. Through you I wish to request an answer from the Minister(s) concerned to the following questions:

What is the status of the draft law to amend the civil code and other ordinances to better regulate labor agreements and all that relate hereto?

How quickly can parliament receive this draft ordinance for its handling?

Honorable Chairperson, I don't think I will be acting out of line if I request that you add to these questions, that government handles without delay this draft in order for Parliament to bring this into procedure, as the matter has been on Parliament's agenda for a long time.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Wescot-Williams
Member of Parliament, DP

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