



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

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## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of General Affairs  
Mr. M.F.A. Gumbs  
p/a Council of Ministers  
**Philipsburg**

UV/302/2014-2015

Philipsburg, June 30, 2015

Re: Request MP S.A. Wescot-Williams

Hon. Minister Gumbs,

Member of Parliament, Mrs. S.A. Wescot-Williams, has submitted a request for assistance of government in drafting an amendment of article 33 of the Integrity Chamber Ordinance. A copy of the request is enclosed for your attention and reaction.

Based on article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten, I kindly request that you look into this matter and provide the requested information as soon as possible.

Your cooperation in this is highly appreciated.

Yours truly,  
Parliament of Sint Maarten  
Staten van Sint Maarten

  
Lloyd J. Richardson, MD  
President of Parliament



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To:  
The Prime Minister of St. Maarten,  
The Honorable Marcel F Gumbs  
Government Administration Building  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

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Honorable Prime Minister Gumbs,

Your captioned letter has been received in good order,  
I thank the government for including some of my proposals in the "Nota van Wijziging" and for the in-depth response to my letter dated April 16th, and the suggestions contained therein.  
Allow me to react:

I can now concur with your argumentation NOT to amend article 1, sub b under a of the draft ordinance.

With respect to article 33 and my proposal to further elucidate this article, I wish to solicit the assistance of government in drafting an amendment to further clarify the workings of this article.

Article 29: After due consideration, I can live with the biannual reporting by the Integrity Chamber as I leave it to the discretion of that body to additionally inform Parliament of any matter that requires the attention of Parliament, especially in the initial period of operations.

Article 24: I concur with government's view, to have at least a window for final scrutiny by the Executive branch of government and would only suggest that the word *gemotiveerd* be preceded by *uitvoerig*.

With respect to the position of the Chamber vis-a-vis other constitutional institutions, I can agree, as in my opinion article 25 places the onus of that distinction on the integrity Chamber.

I end with again expressing my appreciation for Government's candid response and await your proposal for amending article 33, which will then be put to Parliament.

Respectfully,

  
Sarah A. Wescot-Williams  
Member of Parliament (DP)

CC. Parliament of St. Maarten.