



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

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To the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor  
Mr. E. Lee  
p/a Council of Ministers  
**Philipsburg**

UV/310/2015-2016

Philipsburg, August 24, 2016

Re: Questions from MP F.A. Meyers regarding the resignation of Dr. M. Petit from SZV Board

Hon. Minister Lee,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. Franklin A. Meyers 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



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Sint Maarten, August 23, 2016

The President of Parliament  
Sarah A. Wescot-Willams  
Present

Subject: Letter for Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor

Honorable President;

As a follow-up to my correspondence of August 18, 2016 to the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, the Honorable Emil Lee, through you Madame President, I would like for the Minister to respond to the following queries and requests;

It has come to light on August 21, 2016 via the media that Dr. Michel Petit did resign his position as Chairman of the Board of Supervisory Directors of the Social Health Insurances (SZV).

The press release states the following; *“Over reaching and undue influence” from Public Health Minister Emil Lee is one of the reasons gynecologist Dr. Michel Petit gave as factors for stepping down as Chairperson of the Supervisory Board of Directors of Social Health Insurance SZV.*”

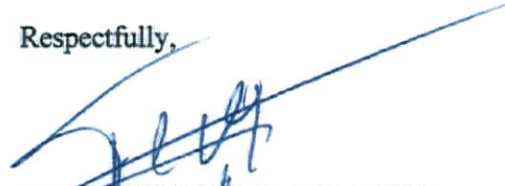
1. The role of a Minister as it pertains to the SZV is clearly regulated by law. Hence, what is meant with the statement; “over reaching and undue influence” by the Minister?
2. Where formal contract negotiations made between SZV regarding the new General Hospital and the new Government building finalized? – If yes, I would like to receive a copy of said contracts. If not, why hasn't any contacts been formalized.
3. How much money was spent by the SZV thus far in regards to the preparations of the new General Hospital?
4. If no formal contracts were formalized with SZV for the new General Hospital and the new Government building, how is it possible for SZV to release funds with no binding contracts in place?  
While it is recommended that the SZV invest in beneficial projects, it must also be made clear that engineers should make prior contribution into a proper pension arrangement in order to receive pension funds.
5. I would like to receive a copy of the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with reference to the new General Hospital and the new Government Building.



6. An agreement was made with SZV and the five independent evaluation teams regarding the bidding process of the new General Hospital. I would like to receive a copy of said agreement.
7. What was the cost of this evaluation process for the new General Hospital for SZV?
8. Was a risk analysis performed for the completion of the new Government Building and the new General Hospital? – If yes, I would like to obtain a copy for both projects.

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation, and looking forward to a favorable response, I remain,

Respectfully,



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MP Franklin A. Meyers,  
Faction Leader

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