



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

Aan de Minister van Volkshuisvesting, Ruimtelijke
Ordering, Milieu en Infrastructuur (VROMI)
De heer W.V. Marlin
p/a Ministerraad
Philipsburg

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Betreft: Aanbieding vragen lid S.V. Meyers-Olivacce

Excellentie,

Middels deze bied ik u aan een 10-tal vragen van het lid der Staten mevrouw S.V. Meyers-Olivacce ingevolge artikel 62 van de Staatsregeling van Sint Maarten en artikel 63 van het Reglement van Orde van de Staten.

Ik verwijs u kortheidshalve naar de inhoud daarvan.

drs. R.E. Samuel
Voorzitter der Staten



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Sint Maarten, August 15, 2012

The Minister of VROMI
Mr. William Marlin
Present

Subject: N.V.GEBE

Honorable Minister;

The members of parliament of the United People's (UP) Party faction, hereby have the following inquiries with regards to N.V.GEBE, and the UP faction would appreciate receiving the answers in writing at soonest.

1. The price of fuel is increasing and causing hardship on our citizens. Please provide an overview on what is happening in N.V.GEBE. It is understood that approximately 40% light fuel is being used to generate electricity. The consumer is paying for this expensive fuel. Please indicate how your ministry is working on resolving this. Also indicate how this issue is being addressed.
2. Furthermore it is presumed that the Fuel Clause calculation is based on Heavy Fuel Oil which means that if N.V.GEBE consumes more electricity on the Light Fuel Oil, then N.V.GEBE would be incurring the losses and this is not passed on to the consumers. If this is the case please advise the lost ratio in this respect that is not passed on to the citizens. Also advise how the Fuel Clause is calculated.
3. It is believed that N.V.GEBE has invested in at least two or three large generators recently. It is also believed that these generators were supposed to be running on 90% heavy fuel oil. Please advise whether this has been accomplished?
4. Also what are N.V.GEBE's inefficiencies if any within the company that may lead to a non-realization of this objective.
5. Please advise how the inefficiency affects the high fuel clause charge to our citizens.



6. Considering the need to reduce the inefficiencies, we believe one way would be by looking at the net loss. Please advise what other avenue you intend to use to reduce inefficiencies?
7. We understand that in recent years a certain percentage of losses has been increasing steadily. Please clarify this.
8. N.V.GEBE seems to have noticed that the increase is starting to get alarming because they started a campaign to combat people stealing electricity. We have taken note of N.V.GEBE's campaign together with VROMI to combat people stealing electricity, what percentage of the electricity produced is unaccounted for? What percentage of this is thought to be unaccounted because of people stealing electricity and what percentage is because of technical reasons? Such as inadequate distribution network etc.? What results has the recent campaign had? Is there a reduction in the percentage of the total net losses of electricity at N.V.GEBE?
9. Water losses in N.V.GEBE is at an all-time high and we continue to see the leaks on the road. What is the percentage of water losses right now? What is being done to reduce this and what is the prognosis for the end of this year? In other words, to what percentage is the water losses expected to be reduced to by the end of this year? Is the consumer billed for these inefficiencies of the company? What action is being taken by you as Minister to correct this?
10. In addition to these questions Minister Meyers approved with N.V.GEBE to reduce the fees charged to the consumer, has this been done? And if not why not?

In anticipation of your response(s), we remain,

Respectfully,

Silvia Meyers-Olivacce,
Member of Parliament
UP faction Leader