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To the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs Mr. W.S. Smith
Administration Building
Clem Labega Square
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, October 15, 2019

Re: Questions from MP W.V. Marlin regarding Council of Minister's approval of travel former Prime Minister

Hon. Prime Minister Smith,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. W.V. Marlin 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,

W.V. Marlin

Chairman of Parliament



William V. Marlin

Member of Parliament

To:

The Caretaker Prime Minister. The Honourable Mr. W. Smith, Government Administration Building, Pond Island - Philipsburg.

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Re: COM approval of travel for former Prime Minister.

Honourable Prime Minister Smith,

The undersigned, Member of Parliament, hereby brings the following to your attention and is requesting answers to the following questions.

Recently it was brought to my attention that the Council of Ministers approved travel for former Prime Minister, Mrs. Leona Marlin-Romeo to go abroad to attend a World Bank Conference or meeting. If this is true then it raises several questions and concerns for which I am hereby seeking urgent answers.

Rather than assuming that the reports are true, I would appreciate receiving answers to the following questions as soon as possible.

1. Did the Council of Ministers approve for Mrs. Leona Marlin-Romeo to travel after her dismissal as Prime Minister?

2. If yes, on what date did this meeting take place?

If the answer to question 1 is yes, then what is the purpose of this travel and for how long?

If the answer to question 1 is yes, please explain why the Council of Ministers had to approve travel of the former Prime Minister?

If the Council of Ministers approved the travel of Mrs. Leona Marlin-Romeo, in what capacity did she or 5. would she be traveling?

If the answer to question 1 is yes, who is paying for this travel and what is the cost of the trip?

Can you provide any information related to the travel of Mrs. Leona Marlin-Romeo, particularly if she will be speaking or conducting and or attending any meeting in any way, on behalf of Sint Maarten?

Looking forward to all answers to the above questions, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

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William V Marlin,

Member of Parliament.