To the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor a.i.
Mr. E.J. Doran
Administration Building
Clem Labega Square
Philipsburg

UV/105/2019-2020

Philipsburg, November 19, 2019

Re: Questions from MP C.A.H. Peterson regarding SMMC

Hon. Minister Doran,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. C.A.H. Peterson 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
To: The President of Parliament  
Mr. William Marlin  
Sint Maarten  

Philipsburg, November 18, 2019  

Subject: Questions to the interim Minister of Public health, Social Development and Labor (VSA)  

Dear President of Parliament,  

I would like to send the attached questions to the Minister of Public health, Social Development and Labor (VSA) concerning the state of affairs of the Sint Maarten Medical Center (SMMC), that I would like to receive further insight on as a Member of Parliament. I would like to receive the responses in writing and to be answered orally in a question hour in accordance with article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament.  

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this and trust that this will be handled with urgency.  

Respectfully yours,  

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To: the interim Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labour (VSA) 
Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, November 18, 2019

Subject: Questions to the Minister of VSA

1. What is the current status of the hospital construction project? When will it begin?

2. What are the real construction costs of the new hospital?

3. How many companies or entities of government are participating in financing the new hospital?

4. How is the hospital paying back, and over what period of time?

5. Can INSO operate outside the European Union, now that Condotte is receiving Italian government support to keep them afloat. Can the minister provide proof that it can?

6. Why is Inso looking for a buyer?

7. The government support (to Condotte/Inso) was only applicable for 6 months, this was until May 2019. If there is no buyer, what happens to Inso?

8. Are there any interested parties now looking to buy Inso? Can we get a list?

9. Has a due diligence been done on Inso by any independent organization? Doesn’t the minister think one should be done?

10. What is the opinion of the financiers? Each one of the financiers should be an expert on the situation of Inso.

11. What would be the consequences of not increasing the tariffs for SMMC?

12. If the financiers do not to proceed with Inso, would this contract be put back to public bid, or to the next company of the original tender (Vamed)?

13. Are there clauses in the Inso contract that protects against cost overruns?
14. Is there a protection against time overruns?

15. Can MPs get the documents of the bid from Inso?

16. Can the minister guarantee that come what may, that Inso will be able to fulfill its contractual obligations? Or can minister confirm that there is a possibility that Inso will not bounce back?

17. The contract for building and maintaining the hospital is 135 million. How can you assure that Inso can comply with its maintenance obligations years from now even if they can build it now?

I would like to receive the responses to the above questions in writing and to be answered orally in a question hour in accordance with article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament.

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