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To the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs
Ms. S.E. Jacobs
Administration Building
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, April 16, 2020

Re: Questions from MP Akeem E. Arrindell regarding corona virus

Hon. Prime Minister Jacobs

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. A.E. Arrindell 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,


R. Brison
President of Parliament

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Subject: Questions MP Akeem Arrindell
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Good afternoon Prime Minister,
Attached are the questions of MP Akeem Arrindell who has some issues with his computer and in the meeting yesterday couldn't ask them nor send them.
I hereby send them on his behalf and I ask if they can still be answered.

Regards,

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Questions to the honorable Prime Minister concerning the Coronavirus pandemic increased in Sint Maarten.

1. Are all active cases that have tested positive for the COVID-19 been transported to the quarantine facility? If yes, are they being monitored and attended to on an hourly or daily basis?
2. I was told that not all the 9 persons who died, were from Covid-19. Is that a fact?
3. The people who died at home did they test positive for covid-19? If yes, why were they not hospitalized?
4. Will we be able to obtain enough testing kits to start doing mass testing throughout Dutch Sint Maarten?
5. Can the Prime Minister please provide parliament with the slides (power point) that was displayed to us during the meeting on April 15th, 2020?
6. What is being done for workers who are currently laid off from work due to this pandemic?
7. Due to this lockdown, how are essential workers (nurses) getting to work? Reason for this question, in their contract does not state that during a pandemic the job is obligated to provide transportation.
8. How is the economy likely to recover after all of this is over? Is there a plan in place?
8. In your opinion, after this pandemic ends, however long that may be, what should be the first step we as a country both French and Dutch will take so that we are better prepared for the next pandemic?

"As we know many people have been affected by this pandemic financially and are unable to pay their rent or even put food on their tables."

In a recent meeting Prime Minister Jacobs stated that grocery stores can make at home deliveries to people that need groceries.

9. How can we ensure that the delivery drivers are taking proper steps to stay hygienic in this current pandemic while handling the groceries?

10. Wouldn't it be better for customers if grocery store consumers publish a product and price list? **shoppers are sending their shopping lists to the grocery store owners and are basically blindly shopping. The grocery store owners can raise prices on items to make a larger profit without the consumer knowing.**

11. What are considered urgent or emergency needs when shopping for groceries?

That will be all for now Prime Minister thank you.

MP. A. E. Arrindell